

**Table 2.5**  
**Low-Income Program Dollars by Study Area**

| ID Code                | Study Area Name                               | 2004             |                 |                    |                |           |              | 2005             |                 |                    |                |           |              |
|------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------|
|                        |   | General Lifeline | Tribal Lifeline | Non-Tribal Link Up | Tribal Link Up | TLS       | Total        | General Lifeline | Tribal Lifeline | Non-Tribal Link Up | Tribal Link Up | TLS       | Total        |
| SOUTH DAKOTA Continued |   |                  |                 |                    |                |           |              |                  |                 |                    |                |           |              |
| 391652                 | PRAIRIEWAVE COMMUNITY TELEPHONE               | \$11,479         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$11,479     | \$11,107         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$11,107     |
| 391653                 | CITY OF FAITH MUNICIPAL TEL CO                | \$819            | \$0             | \$13               | \$0            | \$0       | \$832        | \$858            | \$0             | \$39               | \$0            | \$0       | \$897        |
| 391654                 | INTERSTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOP., INC.     | \$32,814         | \$733           | \$394              | \$0            | \$0       | \$33,941     | \$35,281         | \$1,416         | \$436              | \$0            | \$0       | \$37,133     |
| 391657                 | ALLIANCE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE INC       | \$6,670          | \$0             | \$90               | \$0            | \$0       | \$6,760      | \$7,643          | \$0             | \$30               | \$0            | \$0       | \$7,673      |
| 391657                 | SPLITROCK PROPERTIES INC.                     | \$4,015          | \$0             | \$8                | \$0            | \$0       | \$4,023      | \$3,980          | \$0             | \$10               | \$0            | \$0       | \$3,990      |
| 391659                 | GOLDEN WEST TELECOMM. COOP. INC.              | \$203,102        | \$140,483       | \$2,502            | \$1,705        | \$13,321  | \$361,113    | \$200,715        | \$138,525       | \$1,108            | \$2,267        | \$0       | \$342,615    |
| 391660                 | MT. RUSHMORE TEL. CO.                         | \$42,257         | \$24,191        | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$66,448     | \$41,072         | \$23,165        | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$64,237     |
| 391661                 | HANSON COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY               | \$0              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$0          | \$0              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$0          |
| 391661                 | HANSON COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY               | \$0              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$0          | \$0              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$0          |
| 391664                 | JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE TEL CO               | \$6,224          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$40      | \$6,264      | \$6,389          | \$0             | \$25               | \$0            | \$0       | \$6,414      |
| 391664                 | JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE TEL CO               | \$0              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$0          | \$0              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$0          |
| 391666                 | JEFFERSON TELEPHONE COMPANY - SD              | \$696            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$696        | \$616            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$616        |
| 391667                 | KADOKA TELEPHONE COMPANY                      | \$4,848          | \$0             | \$114              | \$0            | \$119     | \$5,081      | \$3,860          | \$0             | \$70               | \$0            | \$0       | \$3,930      |
| 391668                 | KENNEBEC TELEPHONE COMPANY                    | \$3,280          | \$1,077         | \$120              | \$0            | \$610     | \$5,087      | \$2,991          | \$1,032         | \$38               | \$0            | \$0       | \$4,061      |
| 391669                 | MCCOOK COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE CO.              | \$8,672          | \$0             | \$208              | \$0            | \$0       | \$8,880      | \$8,343          | \$0             | \$368              | \$0            | \$25      | \$8,736      |
| 391670                 | MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY                    | \$30,587         | \$29,122        | \$45               | \$133          | \$0       | \$59,887     | \$31,157         | \$30,006        | \$81               | \$126          | \$0       | \$61,370     |
| 391671                 | WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS                 | \$0              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$0          | \$0              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$0          |
| 391674                 | ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIAT | \$1,722          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$20      | \$1,742      | \$1,620          | \$0             | \$50               | \$0            | \$10      | \$1,680      |
| 391674                 | RC COMMUNICATIONS INC.                        | \$11,884         | \$4,740         | \$250              | \$50           | \$260     | \$17,184     | \$11,327         | \$6,593         | \$475              | \$0            | \$210     | \$18,605     |
| 391676                 | SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS COOP                    | \$26,512         | \$0             | \$210              | \$0            | \$0       | \$26,722     | \$24,199         | \$0             | \$256              | \$0            | \$0       | \$24,455     |
| 391676                 | SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS COOP                    | \$0              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$0          | \$0              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$0          |
| 391677                 | SIOUX VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY                | \$7,751          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$7,751      | \$9,838          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$9,838      |
| 391679                 | STOCKHOLM-STRANDBURG TEL. CO.                 | \$2,997          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$2,997      | \$3,314          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$3,314      |
| 391680                 | VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOP                   | \$62,050         | \$25,754        | \$1,412            | \$0            | \$1,300   | \$90,516     | \$65,530         | \$32,026        | \$1,682            | \$0            | \$1,300   | \$100,538    |
| 391682                 | TRI-COUNTY TELCOM. INC.                       | \$1,446          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$1,446      | \$1,574          | \$16            | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$1,590      |
| 391684                 | UNION TELEPHONE COMPANY                       | \$3,710          | \$0             | \$12               | \$0            | \$0       | \$3,722      | \$3,789          | \$0             | \$71               | \$0            | \$0       | \$3,860      |
| 391685                 | VALLEY TELECOMM. COOP. ASSN.,INC.             | \$12,833         | \$0             | \$111              | \$0            | \$0       | \$12,944     | \$11,282         | \$0             | \$135              | \$0            | \$0       | \$11,417     |
| 391686                 | VIVIAN TELEPHONE COMPANY                      | \$257,646        | \$281,162       | \$3,075            | \$2,294        | \$12,712  | \$556,889    | \$242,285        | \$251,610       | \$1,110            | \$1,839        | \$0       | \$496,844    |
| 391688                 | WESTERN TELEPHONE COMPANY                     | \$1,520          | \$0             | \$10               | \$0            | \$10      | \$1,540      | \$1,557          | \$10            | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$1,567      |
| 391689                 | WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TEL. CO.               | \$14,369         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$14,369     | \$14,400         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$14,400     |
| 395145                 | QWEST CORPORATION - SD                        | \$587,332        | \$524           | \$11,754           | \$0            | \$3,242   | \$602,852    | \$576,494        | \$1,071         | \$28,961           | \$26           | \$3,856   | \$610,408    |
| 399001                 | WESTERN WIRELESS CORP. (WWW - PINE RIDGE)     | \$328,101        | \$1,066,050     | \$0                | \$123,090      | \$0       | \$1,517,241  | \$465,032        | \$1,409,175     | \$0                | \$121,160      | \$0       | \$1,995,367  |
| 399002                 | WESTERN WIRELESS CORP. DBA WWC LICENSE, LLC   | \$114,740        | \$378,525       | \$0                | \$21,560       | \$0       | \$514,825    | \$581,876        | \$1,722,350     | \$3,405            | \$343,395      | \$0       | \$2,651,026  |
| 399004                 | WIRELESS ALLIANCE, LLC - SD                   | \$0              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$0          | \$18             | \$0             | \$15               | \$0            | \$0       | \$33         |
| 399005                 | MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS                   | \$7,343          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$7,343      | \$27,726         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$27,726     |
| 399006                 | PRAIRIEWAVE BLACK HILLS, LLC                  | \$248            | \$0             | \$25               | \$0            | \$0       | \$273        | \$4,856          | \$0             | \$125              | \$0            | \$0       | \$4,981      |
| 399008                 | VCI COMPANY - SD                              | \$0              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$0          | \$88,963         | \$0             | \$81,330           | \$0            | \$55,110  | \$225,403    |
| TOTAL                  | TENNESSEE                                     | \$6,151,997      | \$0             | \$77,383           | \$0            | \$14,899  | \$6,244,249  | \$6,063,651      | \$0             | \$77,390           | \$0            | \$9,393   | \$6,150,434  |
| 290280                 | ARDMORE TEL. CO., INC.                        | \$18,940         | \$0             | \$792              | \$0            | \$0       | \$19,732     | \$21,773         | \$0             | \$880              | \$0            | \$0       | \$22,653     |
| 290552                 | CENTURYTEL OF ADAMSVILLE, INC.                | \$36,536         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$36,536     | \$36,877         | \$0             | \$15               | \$0            | \$0       | \$36,892     |
| 290553                 | BEN LOMAND RURAL TEL. COOP., INC.             | \$98,634         | \$0             | \$8,310            | \$0            | \$0       | \$106,944    | \$89,177         | \$7,002         | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$96,179     |
| 290554                 | BLEDSE TEL. COOP.                             | \$58,178         | \$0             | \$2,854            | \$0            | \$0       | \$61,032     | \$64,255         | \$0             | \$1,773            | \$0            | \$0       | \$66,028     |
| 290557                 | CENTURYTEL OF CLAIBORNE, INC.                 | \$79,976         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$79,976     | \$87,458         | \$0             | \$71               | \$0            | \$0       | \$87,529     |
| 290559                 | CONCORD TEL. EXCHANGE, INC.                   | \$3,343          | \$0             | \$88               | \$0            | \$0       | \$3,431      | \$3,251          | \$0             | \$23               | \$0            | \$0       | \$3,274      |
| 290561                 | CROCKETT TEL., INC.                           | \$7,489          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$7,489      | \$11,123         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$11,123     |
| 290562                 | DEKALB TEL. COOP. INC.                        | \$28,378         | \$0             | \$1,478            | \$0            | \$0       | \$29,856     | \$35,686         | \$0             | \$2,179            | \$0            | \$0       | \$37,865     |
| 290565                 | HIGHLAND TEL. COOP., INC.-TN                  | \$218,430        | \$0             | \$3,363            | \$0            | \$0       | \$221,793    | \$225,271        | \$0             | \$3,487            | \$0            | \$0       | \$228,758    |
| 290566                 | HUMPHREYS COUNTY TEL. CO.                     | \$1,694          | \$0             | \$12               | \$0            | \$0       | \$1,706      | \$1,701          | \$0             | \$43               | \$0            | \$0       | \$1,744      |
| 290567                 | UNITED INTER-MOUNTAIN TEL. CO.-TN             | \$509,898        | \$0             | \$1,117            | \$0            | \$0       | \$511,015    | \$532,454        | \$0             | \$1,317            | \$0            | \$0       | \$533,771    |
| 290570                 | LORETTO TEL. CO., INC.                        | \$24,134         | \$0             | \$2,442            | \$1,409        | \$0       | \$27,985     | \$27,662         | \$0             | \$2,155            | \$1,793        | \$0       | \$31,610     |
| 290571                 | MILLINGTON TEL. CO., INC.                     | \$56,190         | \$0             | \$1,365            | \$0            | \$0       | \$57,555     | \$67,461         | \$0             | \$2,790            | \$0            | \$0       | \$70,251     |
| 290573                 | NORTH CENTRAL TEL. COOP., INC.                | \$114,121        | \$0             | \$2,960            | \$0            | \$0       | \$117,081    | \$123,370        | \$0             | \$5,029            | \$0            | \$0       | \$128,399    |
| 290574                 | CENTURYTEL OF OOLTEWAH-COLLEGE DALE, INC.     | \$5,150          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$5,150      | \$7,262          | \$0             | \$24               | \$0            | \$0       | \$7,286      |
| 290575                 | TENNESSEE TEL. CO.                            | \$187,446        | \$0             | \$3,129            | \$0            | \$0       | \$190,575    | \$206,002        | \$0             | \$3,723            | \$0            | \$0       | \$209,725    |
| 290576                 | PEOPLES TEL. CO., INC.                        | \$3,906          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$3,906      | \$7,785          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$7,785      |
| 290578                 | TELLICO TEL. CO., INC.                        | \$50,043         | \$0             | \$759              | \$0            | \$0       | \$50,802     | \$51,425         | \$0             | \$615              | \$0            | \$0       | \$52,240     |
| 290579                 | TWIN LAKES TEL. COOP. CORP.                   | \$102,428        | \$0             | \$2,474            | \$0            | \$0       | \$104,902    | \$106,389        | \$0             | \$2,626            | \$0            | \$0       | \$108,995    |
| 290580                 | CITIZENS TEL OF THE VOL ST DBA FRONTIER       | \$54,247         | \$0             | \$1,523            | \$1,102        | \$0       | \$56,872     | \$60,657         | \$0             | \$1,255            | \$434          | \$0       | \$62,346     |
| 290583                 | WEST TENNESSEE TEL. CO., INC.                 | \$3,669          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$3,669      | \$4,492          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$4,492      |
| 290584                 | YORKVILLE TEL. COOP., INC.                    | \$2,604          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$2,604      | \$2,430          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$2,430      |
| 294336                 | CITIZENS TEL CO - TN, LLC DBA FRONTIER        | \$257,700        | \$0             | \$12,742           | \$8,066        | \$0       | \$278,508    | \$295,629        | \$0             | \$14,806           | \$2,956        | \$0       | \$313,391    |
| 295185                 | SOUTH CENTRAL BELL-TN                         | \$4,169,549      | \$0             | \$28,914           | \$0            | \$4,292   | \$4,202,755  | \$3,940,007      | \$0             | \$25,335           | \$4,210        | \$0       | \$3,969,552  |
| 299001                 | BEN LOMAND COMMUNICATIONS, INC.               | \$59,314         | \$0             | \$3,061            | \$0            | \$0       | \$62,375     | \$53,816         | \$0             | \$1,942            | \$0            | \$0       | \$55,758     |
| 299004                 | SPRINT SPECTRUM, LP - TN                      | \$0              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$0          | \$96             | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$96         |
| 299905                 | ADVANTAGE CELLULAR SYSTEMS                    | \$0              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$0          | \$162            | \$0             | \$100              | \$0            | \$0       | \$262        |
| TOTAL                  | TEXAS   | \$64,134,043     | \$38,149        | \$2,371,645        | \$19           | \$165,298 | \$66,709,152 | \$69,871,681     | \$13,833        | \$2,365,303        | \$0            | \$149,492 | \$72,400,309 |
| 440425                 | CAMERON TELEPHONE COMPANY - TEXAS             | \$5,536          | \$170           | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$5,706      | \$8,196          | \$121           | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$8,317      |
| 441163                 | VALOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF TEXAS             | \$1,061,637      | \$0             | \$127,072          | \$0            | \$0       | \$1,188,709  | \$1,618,629      | \$0             | \$45,480           | \$0            | \$0       | \$1,664,109  |
| 442038                 | BLOSSOM TELEPHONE COMPANY                     | \$11,494         | \$0             | \$120              | \$0            | \$0       | \$11,614     | \$13,603         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$13,603     |

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|         |   | General Lifeline | Tribal Lifeline | Non-Tribal Link Up | Tribal Link Up | TLS       | Total        | General Lifeline | Tribal Lifeline | Non-Tribal Link Up | Tribal Link Up | TLS       | Total        |
|         | <b>TEXAS Continued</b>                        |                  |                 |                    |                |           |              |                  |                 |                    |                |           |              |
| 442039  | BIG BEND TELEPHONE COMPANY INC.               | \$83,513         | \$0             | \$470              | \$0            | \$1,400   | \$85,383     | \$71,623         | \$0             | \$405              | \$0            | \$660     | \$72,888     |
| 442040  | BRAZORIA TEL. CO.                             | \$29,976         | \$0             | \$406              | \$0            | \$0       | \$30,384     | \$29,755         | \$0             | \$228              | \$0            | \$0       | \$29,983     |
| 442041  | BRAZOS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE INC.             | \$62,576         | \$0             | \$4,579            | \$0            | \$837     | \$67,992     | \$56,905         | \$0             | \$4,087            | \$0            | \$952     | \$61,944     |
| 442043  | NORTH TEXAS TELEPHONE COMPANY                 | \$4,384          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$4,384      | \$5,326          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$5,326      |
| 442046  | CAP ROCK TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.          | \$41,251         | \$0             | \$880              | \$0            | \$43      | \$42,174     | \$46,726         | \$0             | \$1,036            | \$0            | \$113     | \$47,875     |
| 442052  | CENTRAL TEXAS TELEPHONE CO-OP. INC.           | \$33,723         | \$0             | \$997              | \$0            | \$1,105   | \$35,825     | \$41,033         | \$0             | \$1,134            | \$0            | \$476     | \$42,643     |
| 442057  | COLEMAN COUNTY TELEPHONE CO-OP. INC.          | \$7,666          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$7,666      | \$8,368          | \$0             | \$9                | \$0            | \$0       | \$8,377      |
| 442059  | COLORADO VALLEY TELEPHONE CO-OP. INC.         | \$18,334         | \$0             | \$328              | \$0            | \$140     | \$18,802     | \$18,534         | \$0             | \$193              | \$0            | \$90      | \$18,817     |
| 442060  | COMANCHE COUNTY TEL COMPANY INC.              | \$30,278         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$30,278     | \$34,604         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$34,604     |
| 442061  | COMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.             | \$6,523          | \$0             | \$90               | \$0            | \$0       | \$6,613      | \$5,733          | \$0             | \$210              | \$0            | \$0       | \$5,943      |
| 442065  | CUMBY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE INC.              | \$4,148          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$4,148      | \$5,558          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$5,558      |
| 442066  | DELL TELEPHONE CO-OP. INC. - TX               | \$4,802          | \$0             | \$89               | \$0            | \$0       | \$4,891      | \$4,047          | \$0             | \$113              | \$0            | \$0       | \$4,160      |
| 442068  | EASTEX TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE INC.             | \$232,746        | \$295           | \$3,230            | \$0            | \$0       | \$236,271    | \$274,070        | \$42            | \$3,128            | \$0            | \$0       | \$277,240    |
| 442069  | ELECTRA TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.               | \$17,515         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$17,515     | \$20,931         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$20,931     |
| 442070  | ETEX TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE INC.               | \$86,076         | \$0             | \$395              | \$0            | \$0       | \$86,471     | \$103,254        | \$0             | \$143              | \$0            | \$0       | \$103,397    |
| 442071  | WEST PLAINS TELECOMMUNICATIONS INC.           | \$101,493        | \$0             | \$1,691            | \$0            | \$2,890   | \$106,074    | \$72,584         | \$0             | \$1,529            | \$0            | \$3,608   | \$77,721     |
| 442071  | FIVE AREA TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE INC.          | \$13,055         | \$0             | \$248              | \$0            | \$367     | \$13,670     | \$7,405          | \$0             | \$142              | \$0            | \$368     | \$7,915      |
| 442072  | FORT BEND TELEPHONE COMPANY                   | \$63,693         | \$0             | \$948              | \$0            | \$0       | \$64,341     | \$77,230         | \$0             | \$1,162            | \$0            | \$0       | \$78,392     |
| 442073  | BORDER TO BORDER COMMUNICATIONS               | \$120            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$120        | \$120            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$120        |
| 442076  | GANADO TELEPHONE COMPANY INC.                 | \$14,059         | \$0             | \$2,561            | \$0            | \$0       | \$16,620     | \$10,627         | \$0             | \$1,152            | \$0            | \$0       | \$11,779     |
| 442080  | GTE SW DBA VERIZON SW INC. - TEXAS            | \$4,941,787      | \$0             | \$97,984           | \$0            | \$2,329   | \$5,042,100  | \$4,431,994      | \$0             | \$56,574           | \$0            | \$2,749   | \$4,491,317  |
| 442083  | GUADALUPE VALLEY TEL CO-OP. INC.              | \$62,860         | \$0             | \$1,230            | \$0            | \$0       | \$64,090     | \$63,595         | \$0             | \$3,705            | \$0            | \$0       | \$67,300     |
| 442084  | UNITED TELEPHONE CO. OF TEXAS INC.            | \$948,574        | \$0             | \$857              | \$0            | \$0       | \$949,431    | \$950,658        | \$0             | \$288              | \$0            | \$0       | \$950,944    |
| 442086  | HILL COUNTRY TELEPHONE CO-OP. INC.            | \$51,487         | \$0             | \$262              | \$0            | \$1,207   | \$52,956     | \$62,872         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$562     | \$63,454     |
| 442090  | ALENCO COMMUNICATIONS, INC.                   | \$9,051          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$9,051      | \$9,571          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$9,571      |
| 442093  | INDUSTRY TELEPHONE COMPANY                    | \$6,172          | \$0             | \$15               | \$0            | \$0       | \$6,187      | \$6,656          | \$0             | \$15               | \$0            | \$0       | \$6,671      |
| 442097  | KERRVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY                   | \$100,259        | \$0             | \$1,771            | \$0            | \$0       | \$102,030    | \$81,663         | \$0             | \$455              | \$0            | \$0       | \$82,118     |
| 442101  | CENTURYTEL OF LAKE DALLAS, INC.               | \$5,457          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$5,457      | \$13,310         | \$0             | \$85               | \$0            | \$0       | \$13,395     |
| 442103  | LA WARD TELEPHONE EXCHANGE INC.               | \$3,245          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$3,245      | \$4,258          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$4,258      |
| 442104  | LAKE LIVINGSTON TEL. CO.                      | \$8,268          | \$0             | \$90               | \$0            | \$0       | \$8,358      | \$9,274          | \$0             | \$75               | \$0            | \$0       | \$9,349      |
| 442105  | LIPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY                       | \$4,641          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$4,641      | \$4,542          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$4,542      |
| 442107  | LIVINGSTON TELEPHONE COMPANY                  | \$52             | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$52,350     | \$61,718         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$61,718     |
| 442109  | TXU COMMUNICATIONS TELEPHONE                  | \$422,969        | \$0             | \$6,843            | \$0            | \$0       | \$429,812    | \$490,546        | \$0             | \$8,453            | \$0            | \$0       | \$498,999    |
| 442112  | MID-PLAINS RURAL TEL. CO-OP. INC.             | \$15,508         | \$0             | \$24               | \$0            | \$0       | \$15,532     | \$12,479         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$12,479     |
| 442114  | CENTRAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF TEXAS            | \$688,458        | \$0             | \$278              | \$0            | \$0       | \$688,736    | \$861,023        | \$0             | \$148              | \$0            | \$0       | \$861,171    |
| 442116  | MUENSTER TELEPHONE CORP. OF TEXAS             | \$12,506         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$201     | \$12,707     | \$10,705         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$15      | \$10,720     |
| 442117  | CENTURYTEL OF PORT ARANSAS, INC.              | \$1,541          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$1,541      | \$8,012          | \$0             | \$13               | \$0            | \$0       | \$8,025      |
| 442130  | PEOPLES TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE - TX            | \$47,921         | \$0             | \$169              | \$0            | \$0       | \$48,090     | \$48,278         | \$0             | \$119              | \$0            | \$0       | \$48,397     |
| 442131  | POKA-LAMBRO TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.       | \$9,698          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$9,698      | \$8,724          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$8,724      |
| 442134  | RIVIERA TELEPHONE COMPANY INC.                | \$12,048         | \$0             | \$212              | \$0            | \$0       | \$12,260     | \$7,402          | \$0             | \$15               | \$0            | \$0       | \$7,417      |
| 442135  | SOUTHWEST TEXAS TELEPHONE COMPANY             | \$40,856         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$40,856     | \$42,406         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$42,406     |
| 442140  | CENTURYTEL OF SAN MARCOS, INC.                | \$66,449         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$66,449     | \$85,491         | \$0             | \$78               | \$0            | \$0       | \$85,569     |
| 442141  | SANTA ROSA TEL. COOP., INC.                   | \$8,377          | \$0             | \$76               | \$0            | \$0       | \$8,453      | \$8,376          | \$0             | \$32               | \$0            | \$0       | \$8,408      |
| 442143  | SOUTH PLAINS TEL. COOP., INC.                 | \$27,343         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$27,343     | \$22,668         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$22,668     |
| 442147  | SUGAR LAND TEL. CO.                           | \$82,829         | \$0             | \$1,013            | \$0            | \$1,098   | \$84,940     | \$133,254        | \$0             | \$2,846            | \$0            | \$546     | \$136,646    |
| 442150  | TATUM TEL. CO.                                | \$9,759          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$9,759      | \$9,664          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$9,664      |
| 442151  | TAYLOR TEL. CO-OP. INC.                       | \$22,758         | \$0             | \$214              | \$0            | \$0       | \$22,972     | \$23,625         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$23,625     |
| 442153  | TEXAS-ALLTEL, INC.                            | \$105,643        | \$0             | \$1,276            | \$0            | \$0       | \$106,919    | \$141,231        | \$0             | \$1,776            | \$0            | \$0       | \$143,007    |
| 442154  | GTE-SW DBA VERIZON SW INC. TX (CONTEL)        | \$506,963        | \$0             | \$8,230            | \$0            | \$172     | \$515,365    | \$426,753        | \$0             | \$3,840            | \$0            | \$229     | \$430,822    |
| 442159  | VALLEY TELEPHONE CO-OP. INC. - TX             | \$81,356         | \$0             | \$488              | \$0            | \$287     | \$82,131     | \$82,827         | \$0             | \$621              | \$0            | \$372     | \$83,620     |
| 442166  | WEST TEXAS RURAL TEL. CO-OP. INC.             | \$6,504          | \$0             | \$75               | \$0            | \$0       | \$6,579      | \$5,495          | \$0             | \$225              | \$0            | \$0       | \$5,720      |
| 442168  | WES-TEX TELEPHONE CO-OP.                      | \$10,131         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$10,131     | \$10,302         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$10,302     |
| 442170  | XIT RURAL TELEPHONE CO-OP. INC.               | \$1,184          | \$0             | \$92               | \$0            | \$0       | \$1,256      | \$2,218          | \$0             | \$23               | \$0            | \$0       | \$2,241      |
| 442262  | E.N.M.R. TEL. COOP., INC. TX                  | \$2,574          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$2,574      | \$2,339          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$2,339      |
| 445216  | SOUTHWESTERN BELL-TEXAS                       | \$51,012,981     | \$31,947        | \$2,021,284        | \$0            | \$153,212 | \$53,219,424 | \$58,280,348     | \$9,917         | \$1,964,570        | \$0            | \$138,532 | \$58,393,367 |
| 449001  | WT SERVICES, INC.                             | \$11,311         | \$0             | \$75               | \$0            | \$0       | \$11,386     | \$15,866         | \$0             | \$699              | \$0            | \$0       | \$16,565     |
| 449002  | XIT TELECOMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY, INC.    | \$16,396         | \$0             | \$650              | \$0            | \$0       | \$17,046     | \$22,869         | \$0             | \$532              | \$0            | \$0       | \$23,401     |
| 449003  | WESTERN WIRELESS CORP D/B/A WWC TEXAS RSA LTD | \$280,121        | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$280,121    | \$594,833        | \$0             | \$47,715           | \$0            | \$0       | \$642,548    |
| 449004  | CUMBY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.             | \$3,591          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$3,591      | \$8,147          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$8,147      |
| 449005  | NORTEX TELCOM, L.L.C.                         | \$260            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$8       | \$268        | \$91             | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$91         |
| 449006  | SANTA ROSA TELEPHONE COOP., INC.              | \$53,740         | \$0             | \$964              | \$0            | \$0       | \$54,704     | \$52,434         | \$0             | \$19               | \$0            | \$0       | \$52,453     |
| 449007  | MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SVC. LLC. - TX   | \$221,583        | \$0             | \$7,005            | \$0            | \$0       | \$228,588    | \$656,076        | \$0             | \$165,810          | \$0            | \$0       | \$821,886    |
| 449010  | SAGE TELECOM OF TEXAS, LP                     | \$599,580        | \$5,737         | \$8,113            | \$19           | \$0       | \$613,429    | \$732,960        | \$3,753         | \$21,071           | \$0            | \$0       | \$757,784    |
| 449015  | GRANDE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, INC.           | \$2,216          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$2,216      | \$6,903          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$6,903      |
| 449017  | SPRINT SPECTRUM, LP - TX                      | \$0              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$0          | \$336            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$336        |
| 449019  | PANHANDLE TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, INC.     | \$6,749          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$6,749      | \$15,715         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$15,715     |
| 449020  | AMA TECHTEL COMMUNICATIONS                    | \$8,893          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$8,893      | \$68,376         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$68,376     |
| 449021  | VYCERA COMMUNICATIONS                         | \$1,583,108      | \$0             | \$68,549           | \$0            | \$0       | \$1,651,657  | \$860,908        | \$0             | \$25,255           | \$0            | \$0       | \$886,163    |
| 449022  | DOBSON CELLULAR SYSTEMS                       | \$0              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$0          | \$11             | \$0             | \$15               | \$0            | \$0       | \$26         |
| 449023  | CEDAR VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.             | \$0              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$0          | \$8,178          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$8,178      |
| 449024  | NTS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.                      | \$21,369         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0       | \$21,369     | \$70,893         | \$0             | \$80               | \$0            | \$0       | \$70,973     |

**Table 2.5**  
**Low-Income Program Dollars by Study Area**

| ID Code      | Study Area Name                                | 2004                |                    |                    |                  |                  |                     | 2005                |                    |                    |                  |                    |                     |
|--------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
|              |  | General Lifeline    | Tribal Lifeline    | Non-Tribal Link Up | Tribal Link Up   | TLS              | Total               | General Lifeline    | Tribal Lifeline    | Non-Tribal Link Up | Tribal Link Up   | TLS                | Total               |
|              | <b>TEXAS Continued</b>                         |                     |                    |                    |                  |                  |                     |                     |                    |                    |                  |                    |                     |
| 449026       | MID-TEX CELLULAR LTD                           | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0              | \$0                 | \$149               | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0                | \$149               |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>UTAH</b>                                    | <b>\$2,492,693</b>  | <b>\$21,453</b>    | <b>\$20,147</b>    | <b>\$2,198</b>   | <b>\$28,248</b>  | <b>\$2,564,740</b>  | <b>\$2,753,882</b>  | <b>\$35,203</b>    | <b>\$29,660</b>    | <b>\$2,481</b>   | <b>\$24,988</b>    | <b>\$2,845,972</b>  |
| 502277       | CENTRAL UTAH TEL. INC.                         | \$11,677            | \$0                | \$427              | \$0              | \$850            | \$12,954            | \$14,996            | \$0                | \$379              | \$0              | \$1,160            | \$16,535            |
| 502278       | EMERY TELEPHONE                                | \$14,954            | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0              | \$14,954            | \$18,802            | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0                | \$18,802            |
| 502278       | CARBON EMERY TELCOM. INC.                      | \$47,372            | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0              | \$47,372            | \$53,326            | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0                | \$53,326            |
| 502278       | HANKSVILLE TELCOM. INC.                        | \$252               | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0              | \$252               | \$252               | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0                | \$252               |
| 502279       | GUNNISON TEL. CO.                              | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0              | \$0                 | \$531               | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0                | \$531               |
| 502282       | MANTI TELEPHONE COMPANY                        | \$22,238            | \$0                | \$1,670            | \$0              | \$2,634          | \$26,542            | \$25,685            | \$0                | \$1,185            | \$0              | \$3,476            | \$30,346            |
| 502283       | SKYLINE TELECOM                                | \$5,854             | \$0                | \$84               | \$0              | \$352            | \$6,270             | \$7,567             | \$0                | \$152              | \$0              | \$446              | \$8,165             |
| 502284       | BEEHIVE TELEPHONE CO., INC., UT                | \$2,424             | \$1,157            | \$0                | \$600            | \$0              | \$4,181             | \$2,720             | \$1,037            | \$30               | \$180            | \$0                | \$3,967             |
| 502286       | SOUTH CENTRAL UTAH TEL. ASSN. INC.             | \$31,724            | \$0                | \$578              | \$0              | \$0              | \$32,302            | \$35,815            | \$0                | \$428              | \$0              | \$0                | \$36,243            |
| 502287       | UINTAH BASIN TELCOMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION INC. | \$20,310            | \$3,705            | \$865              | \$590            | \$1,365          | \$26,835            | \$27,188            | \$9,975            | \$796              | \$707            | \$1,959            | \$40,625            |
| 502287       | UBET TELECOM. INC.                             | \$104,475           | \$3,908            | \$6,646            | \$774            | \$8,981          | \$124,784           | \$124,906           | \$9,189            | \$6,061            | \$1,260          | \$10,812           | \$152,228           |
| 502288       | ALL WEST COMMUNICATIONS-UT                     | \$1,462             | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0              | \$1,462             | \$4,716             | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0                | \$4,716             |
| 503032       | BEAR LAKE COMMUNICATIONS                       | \$182               | \$0                | \$13               | \$0              | \$32             | \$227               | \$288               | \$0                | \$13               | \$0              | \$54               | \$355               |
| 504429       | CITIZENS TEL CO OF UTAH DBA FRONTIER           | \$62,604            | \$0                | \$512              | \$0              | \$408            | \$63,524            | \$72,338            | \$0                | \$855              | \$0              | \$205              | \$73,398            |
| 504449       | NAVAJO COMM CO INC - UT DBA FRONTIER           | \$16,038            | \$12,632           | \$18               | \$234            | \$759            | \$29,681            | \$18,205            | \$14,157           | \$0                | \$288            | \$331              | \$32,981            |
| 505107       | QWEST CORPORATION - UT                         | \$2,151,127         | \$51               | \$9,354            | \$0              | \$12,868         | \$2,173,400         | \$2,346,250         | \$845              | \$19,761           | \$26             | \$6,543            | \$2,373,425         |
| 509003       | SPRINT SPECTRUM (UT)                           | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0              | \$0                 | \$77                | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0                | \$77                |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>VERMONT</b>                                 | <b>\$2,960,608</b>  | <b>\$0</b>         | <b>\$19,101</b>    | <b>\$0</b>       | <b>\$3,998</b>   | <b>\$2,983,707</b>  | <b>\$2,860,187</b>  | <b>\$0</b>         | <b>\$18,185</b>    | <b>\$0</b>       | <b>\$3,941</b>     | <b>\$2,882,313</b>  |
| 140053       | FRANKLIN TEL. CO.-VT                           | \$9,628             | \$0                | \$89               | \$0              | \$0              | \$9,717             | \$9,748             | \$0                | \$89               | \$0              | \$0                | \$9,835             |
| 140058       | LUDLOW TEL. CO.                                | \$29,072            | \$0                | \$71               | \$0              | \$0              | \$29,143            | \$27,830            | \$0                | \$14               | \$0              | \$0                | \$27,844            |
| 140061       | NORTHFIELD TEL. CO.                            | \$38,449            | \$0                | \$83               | \$0              | \$0              | \$38,532            | \$36,881            | \$0                | \$121              | \$0              | \$0                | \$37,002            |
| 140062       | PERKINSVILLE TEL. CO.                          | \$10,549            | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0              | \$10,549            | \$11,059            | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0                | \$11,059            |
| 140064       | SHOREHAM TEL. CO., INC.                        | \$34,247            | \$0                | \$9                | \$0              | \$0              | \$34,256            | \$33,890            | \$0                | \$31               | \$0              | \$0                | \$33,921            |
| 140068       | TOPSHAM TEL. CO., INC.                         | \$20,596            | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0              | \$20,596            | \$20,733            | \$0                | \$8                | \$0              | \$0                | \$20,741            |
| 140069       | WAITSFIELD/FAYSTON TEL. CO.                    | \$146,214           | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$15             | \$146,229           | \$152,595           | \$0                | \$90               | \$0              | \$25               | \$152,710           |
| 143331       | NORTHLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY OF VERMONT         | \$63,571            | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$372            | \$63,943            | \$69,489            | \$0                | \$78               | \$0              | \$507              | \$70,072            |
| 145115       | VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. - VT                  | \$2,369,773         | \$0                | \$17,416           | \$0              | \$45             | \$2,387,234         | \$2,230,082         | \$0                | \$15,890           | \$0              | \$50               | \$2,246,022         |
| 147332       | VERMONT TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.                | \$214,568           | \$0                | \$1,388            | \$0              | \$3,566          | \$219,522           | \$212,102           | \$0                | \$1,821            | \$0              | \$3,359            | \$217,282           |
| 149001       | RCC MINNESOTA, INC. (VT)                       | \$23,941            | \$0                | \$45               | \$0              | \$0              | \$23,986            | \$55,780            | \$0                | \$45               | \$0              | \$0                | \$55,825            |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>VIRGIN ISLANDS</b>                          | <b>\$50,555</b>     | <b>\$0</b>         | <b>\$235</b>       | <b>\$0</b>       | <b>\$0</b>       | <b>\$50,790</b>     | <b>\$50,475</b>     | <b>\$0</b>         | <b>\$570</b>       | <b>\$0</b>       | <b>\$0</b>         | <b>\$51,045</b>     |
| 643300       | VIRGIN ISLANDS TELEPHONE CORPORATION           | \$50,555            | \$0                | \$235              | \$0              | \$0              | \$50,790            | \$50,475            | \$0                | \$570              | \$0              | \$0                | \$51,045            |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>VIRGINIA</b>                                | <b>\$2,213,817</b>  | <b>\$0</b>         | <b>\$48,494</b>    | <b>\$0</b>       | <b>\$1,802</b>   | <b>\$2,264,113</b>  | <b>\$2,218,732</b>  | <b>\$0</b>         | <b>\$55,124</b>    | <b>\$0</b>       | <b>\$2,394</b>     | <b>\$2,276,250</b>  |
| 190217       | AMELIA TEL. CORP.                              | \$8,973             | \$0                | \$12               | \$0              | \$0              | \$8,985             | \$8,674             | \$0                | \$25               | \$0              | \$0                | \$8,699             |
| 190219       | BUGGS ISLAND TEL. COOP.                        | \$6,324             | \$0                | \$7                | \$0              | \$0              | \$6,331             | \$6,130             | \$0                | \$21               | \$0              | \$0                | \$6,151             |
| 190225       | CITIZENS TEL. COOP.-VA                         | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0              | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0                | \$0                 |
| 190226       | NTELOS, INC.                                   | \$59,012            | \$0                | \$782              | \$0              | \$0              | \$59,794            | \$58,144            | \$0                | \$1,355            | \$0              | \$0                | \$59,499            |
| 190233       | VERIZON SOUTH INC. - VA (CONTEL)               | \$180,956           | \$0                | \$1,400            | \$0              | \$6              | \$182,362           | \$193,026           | \$0                | \$1,346            | \$0              | \$0                | \$194,372           |
| 190236       | NORTH RIVER TEL. COOP.                         | \$880               | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0              | \$880               | \$946               | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0                | \$946               |
| 190237       | HIGHLAND TEL. COOP.-VA                         | \$1,148             | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0              | \$1,148             | \$916               | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0                | \$916               |
| 190238       | MOUNTAIN GROVE-WILLIAMSVILLE TEL. CO.          | \$906               | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0              | \$906               | \$1,112             | \$0                | \$22               | \$0              | \$0                | \$1,134             |
| 190239       | NEW HOPE TEL. CO.-VA                           | \$705               | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0              | \$705               | \$634               | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0                | \$634               |
| 190243       | PEMBROKE TEL. COOP.                            | \$4,916             | \$0                | \$108              | \$0              | \$0              | \$5,024             | \$4,745             | \$0                | \$59               | \$0              | \$0                | \$4,804             |
| 190244       | PEOPLES MUTUAL TEL. CO.-VA                     | \$24,332            | \$0                | \$459              | \$0              | \$1,614          | \$26,405            | \$25,424            | \$0                | \$653              | \$0              | \$2,056            | \$28,133            |
| 190248       | SCOTT COUNTY TEL. COOP. INC.                   | \$19,626            | \$0                | \$292              | \$0              | \$0              | \$19,918            | \$20,054            | \$0                | \$181              | \$0              | \$0                | \$20,235            |
| 190249       | ROANOKE & BOTETOURT TEL. CO.                   | \$330               | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0              | \$330               | \$916               | \$0                | \$41               | \$0              | \$0                | \$957               |
| 190250       | SHENANDOAH TEL. CO.                            | \$34,987            | \$0                | \$346              | \$0              | \$0              | \$35,333            | \$36,344            | \$0                | \$400              | \$0              | \$0                | \$36,744            |
| 190253       | VIRGINIA TEL. CO.                              | \$2,004             | \$0                | \$20               | \$0              | \$0              | \$2,024             | \$2,214             | \$0                | \$30               | \$0              | \$0                | \$2,244             |
| 190254       | CENTRAL TEL. CO. OF VA                         | \$506,686           | \$0                | \$544              | \$0              | \$0              | \$507,230           | \$483,469           | \$0                | \$428              | \$0              | \$0                | \$483,897           |
| 190479       | VERIZON SOUTH INC. - VA                        | \$63,358            | \$0                | \$660              | \$0              | \$36             | \$64,054            | \$64,375            | \$0                | \$740              | \$0              | \$67               | \$65,182            |
| 190567       | UNITED INTER-MOUNTAIN TEL. CO.-VA              | \$401,861           | \$0                | \$559              | \$0              | \$0              | \$402,420           | \$369,296           | \$0                | \$256              | \$0              | \$0                | \$369,552           |
| 193029       | NEW CASTLE TEL. CO.                            | \$7,517             | \$0                | \$15               | \$0              | \$0              | \$7,532             | \$8,765             | \$0                | \$15               | \$0              | \$0                | \$8,780             |
| 195040       | VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.                          | \$881,093           | \$0                | \$41,100           | \$0              | \$148            | \$922,339           | \$888,289           | \$0                | \$42,432           | \$0              | \$271              | \$930,992           |
| 199001       | VIRGINIA CELLULAR LLC - VA                     | \$8,203             | \$0                | \$2,190            | \$0              | \$0              | \$10,393            | \$44,856            | \$0                | \$6,927            | \$0              | \$0                | \$51,783            |
| 199005       | SPRINT SPECTRUM, LP - VA                       | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0              | \$0                 | \$315               | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0                | \$315               |
| 199008       | VA PCS ALLIANCE, L.C.&RICHMOND 20 MHZ, LLC     | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0              | \$0                 | \$88                | \$0                | \$193              | \$0              | \$0                | \$281               |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>WASHINGTON</b>                              | <b>\$13,353,048</b> | <b>\$1,623,053</b> | <b>\$1,470,148</b> | <b>\$118,168</b> | <b>\$804,713</b> | <b>\$17,369,131</b> | <b>\$14,851,842</b> | <b>\$2,093,858</b> | <b>\$1,727,387</b> | <b>\$117,918</b> | <b>\$1,137,854</b> | <b>\$19,928,857</b> |
| 521402       | M & L ENTERPRISES DBA SKYLINE TELEPHONE CO.    | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0              | \$0                 | \$3,194             | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0                | \$3,194             |
| 522400       | UNITED TELEPHONE CO OF THE NW - WA             | \$274,576           | \$8,076            | \$2,704            | \$0              | \$0              | \$285,356           | \$292,116           | \$16,005           | \$2,840            | \$0              | \$0                | \$310,961           |
| 522404       | ASOTIN TELEPHONE COMPANY - WA                  | \$7,738             | \$0                | \$260              | \$0              | \$0              | \$7,998             | \$7,705             | \$0                | \$266              | \$0              | \$0                | \$7,971             |
| 522408       | CENTURYTEL OF WASHINGTON, INC.                 | \$595,595           | \$23,967           | \$36               | \$180            | \$0              | \$619,778           | \$571,267           | \$27,861           | \$2,888            | \$0              | \$0                | \$602,016           |
| 522410       | CENTURYTEL OF COWICHE, INC.                    | \$7,378             | \$0                | \$11               | \$0              | \$0              | \$7,389             | \$6,998             | \$0                | \$23               | \$0              | \$0                | \$7,021             |
| 522412       | ELLENSBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY                   | \$64,506            | \$0                | \$4,055            | \$0              | \$0              | \$68,561            | \$65,648            | \$0                | \$2,049            | \$0              | \$940              | \$68,637            |
| 522416       | VERIZON NORTHWEST INC. - WASHINGTON            | \$2,243,940         | \$2,137            | \$222,981          | \$0              | \$2,609          | \$2,471,667         | \$2,254,559         | \$2,358            | \$184,199          | \$0              | \$3,057            | \$2,444,173         |
| 522418       | PEND OREILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY                 | \$17,673            | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0              | \$17,673            | \$15,626            | \$0                | \$0                | \$0              | \$0                | \$15,626            |

**Table 2.5**  
**Low-Income Program Dollars by Study Area**

| ID Code      | Study Area Name                               | 2004               |                 |                    |                |                |                    | 2005               |                 |                    |                |                |                    |
|--------------|---|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
|              |   | General Lifeline   | Tribal Lifeline | Non-Tribal Link Up | Tribal Link Up | TLS            | Total              | General Lifeline   | Tribal Lifeline | Non-Tribal Link Up | Tribal Link Up | TLS            | Total              |
|              | <b>WASHINGTON Continued</b>                   |                    |                 |                    |                |                |                    |                    |                 |                    |                |                |                    |
| 522419       | HOOD CANAL TELEPHONE COMPANY                  | \$1,818            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$1,818            | \$2,014            | \$0             | \$130              | \$0            | \$0            | \$2,144            |
| 522423       | INLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY - WA                 | \$7,862            | \$0             | \$233              | \$0            | \$0            | \$8,095            | \$8,703            | \$0             | \$248              | \$0            | \$0            | \$8,951            |
| 522426       | KALAMA TELEPHONE COMPANY                      | \$6,899            | \$0             | \$160              | \$0            | \$0            | \$7,059            | \$7,151            | \$0             | \$160              | \$0            | \$0            | \$7,311            |
| 522427       | LEWIS RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY INC.            | \$13,300           | \$0             | \$145              | \$0            | \$0            | \$13,445           | \$14,872           | \$0             | \$215              | \$0            | \$0            | \$15,087           |
| 522430       | MCDANIEL TELEPHONE COMPANY                    | \$24,104           | \$0             | \$637              | \$0            | \$0            | \$24,741           | \$26,618           | \$0             | \$550              | \$0            | \$0            | \$27,168           |
| 522431       | MASHELL TELECOM INC.                          | \$14,056           | \$0             | \$227              | \$0            | \$0            | \$14,283           | \$15,027           | \$0             | \$284              | \$0            | \$0            | \$15,311           |
| 522437       | PIONEER TELEPHONE COMPANY                     | \$3,357            | \$0             | \$39               | \$0            | \$0            | \$3,396            | \$2,760            | \$0             | \$117              | \$0            | \$0            | \$2,877            |
| 522442       | ST. JOHN TELEPHONE CO.                        | \$1,486            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$1,486            | \$1,855            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$1,855            |
| 522446       | TENINO TEL. CO.                               | \$13,379           | \$0             | \$342              | \$0            | \$0            | \$13,721           | \$14,299           | \$0             | \$330              | \$0            | \$0            | \$14,629           |
| 522447       | TOLEDO TELEPHONE COMPANY INC.                 | \$7,830            | \$0             | \$315              | \$0            | \$0            | \$8,145            | \$8,210            | \$0             | \$402              | \$0            | \$0            | \$8,612            |
| 522449       | VERIZON NORTHWEST INC. - WA (CONTEL)          | \$416,513          | \$4,601         | \$38,295           | \$0            | \$495          | \$459,904          | \$435,989          | \$4,800         | \$35,425           | \$0            | \$553          | \$476,767          |
| 522451       | WESTERN WAHIAKUM COUNTY TEL COMPANY           | \$2,725            | \$0             | \$72               | \$0            | \$0            | \$2,797            | \$2,867            | \$0             | \$88               | \$0            | \$0            | \$2,955            |
| 522452       | WHIDBEY TEL. CO.                              | \$15,732           | \$0             | \$337              | \$0            | \$0            | \$16,069           | \$17,364           | \$0             | \$494              | \$0            | \$0            | \$17,858           |
| 522453       | YCOM NETWORKS, INC.                           | \$72,087           | \$0             | \$2,015            | \$0            | \$0            | \$74,112           | \$73,401           | \$0             | \$397              | \$0            | \$78           | \$73,874           |
| 525161       | QWEST CORPORATION - WA                        | \$7,466,826        | \$25,000        | \$528,364          | \$475          | \$63,815       | \$8,084,480        | \$7,911,154        | \$28,077        | \$634,616          | \$498          | \$34,286       | \$8,608,631        |
| 529001       | YAKIMA MSA L.P. DBA US CELLULAR               | \$392,847          | \$1,497,650     | \$210              | \$29,595       | \$0            | \$1,920,302        | \$579,464          | \$1,928,500     | \$330              | \$54,960       | \$0            | \$2,563,254        |
| 529002       | RCC MINNESOTA, INC.                           | \$1,440            | \$412           | \$71               | \$18           | \$0            | \$1,941            | \$896              | \$412           | \$18               | \$0            | \$0            | \$1,326            |
| 529003       | WASHINGTON RSA NO. 8 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP      | \$0                | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$0                | \$386              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$386              |
| 529006       | STAN EFFERDING DBA VILAIRE COMMUNICATIONS     | \$1,649,718        | \$61,150        | \$667,890          | \$87,900       | \$737,794      | \$3,204,452        | \$2,489,790        | \$85,325        | \$860,700          | \$62,300       | \$1,098,942    | \$4,597,057        |
| 529007       | TEL WEST COMMUNICATIONS                       | \$29,583           | \$0             | \$750              | \$0            | \$0            | \$30,333           | \$20,104           | \$0             | \$542              | \$0            | \$0            | \$20,646           |
| 529008       | SPRINT SPECTRUM, LP - WA                      | \$90               | \$60            | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$150              | \$933              | \$200           | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$1,133            |
| 529011       | HOOD CANAL TELEPHONE CO., INC.                | \$0                | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$0                | \$534              | \$318           | \$40               | \$160          | \$0            | \$1,052            |
| 529910       | CINGULAR WIRELESS - WA                        | \$0                | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$0                | \$138              | \$0             | \$36               | \$0            | \$0            | \$174              |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>                          | <b>\$631,829</b>   | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>\$18,827</b>    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$1,938</b> | <b>\$650,592</b>   | <b>\$687,014</b>   | <b>\$398</b>    | <b>\$18,188</b>    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$1,087</b> | <b>\$688,645</b>   |
| 200256       | ARMSTRONG TEL. CO. - WV                       | \$1,368            | \$0             | \$45               | \$0            | \$0            | \$1,411            | \$1,844            | \$0             | \$32               | \$0            | \$0            | \$1,876            |
| 200257       | SPRUCE KNOB SENECA ROCKS TEL., INC.           | \$0                | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$0                | \$63               | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$63               |
| 200259       | HARDY TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.                | \$396              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$396              | \$423              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$423              |
| 200267       | ARMSTRONG TEL. CO.                            | \$1,547            | \$0             | \$63               | \$0            | \$0            | \$1,610            | \$1,952            | \$0             | \$105              | \$0            | \$0            | \$2,057            |
| 200271       | CITIZENS MOUNTAIN STATE TEL. CO.              | \$18,939           | \$0             | \$168              | \$0            | \$327          | \$19,434           | \$18,088           | \$0             | \$330              | \$0            | \$185          | \$18,603           |
| 200277       | WEST SIDE TEL. CO. - WV                       | \$789              | \$0             | \$42               | \$0            | \$0            | \$831              | \$794              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$794              |
| 204338       | CITIZENS TEL CO OF WV-ST. MARY'S DBA FRONTIER | \$46,072           | \$0             | \$566              | \$0            | \$613          | \$47,251           | \$43,443           | \$0             | \$484              | \$0            | \$373          | \$44,300           |
| 204339       | CITIZENS TEL CO OF WV-BLUEFIELD DBA FRONTIER  | \$60,894           | \$0             | \$1,072            | \$0            | \$974          | \$62,740           | \$54,777           | \$0             | \$1,020            | \$0            | \$471          | \$56,268           |
| 205050       | VERIZON WEST VIRGINIA INC.                    | \$494,488          | \$0             | \$11,886           | \$0            | \$22           | \$506,396          | \$513,025          | \$0             | \$12,075           | \$0            | \$38           | \$525,138          |
| 209003       | HIGHLAND CELLULAR, LLC (WV)                   | \$7,223            | \$0             | \$2,745            | \$0            | \$0            | \$9,968            | \$29,556           | \$0             | \$3,390            | \$0            | \$0            | \$32,946           |
| 209006       | EASTERBROOKE CELLULAR COPORATION              | \$335              | \$0             | \$240              | \$0            | \$0            | \$575              | \$2,491            | \$0             | \$555              | \$0            | \$0            | \$3,046            |
| 209007       | SPRINT SPECTRUM (WV)                          | \$0                | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$0                | \$458              | \$398           | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$856              |
| 209909       | WEST VIRGINIA PCS ALLIANCE                    | \$0                | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$0                | \$100              | \$0             | \$175              | \$0            | \$0            | \$275              |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>WISCONSIN</b>                              | <b>\$7,415,574</b> | <b>\$21,993</b> | <b>\$852,063</b>   | <b>\$82</b>    | <b>\$2,984</b> | <b>\$8,292,696</b> | <b>\$8,048,473</b> | <b>\$33,788</b> | <b>\$781,825</b>   | <b>\$2,970</b> | <b>\$3,488</b> | <b>\$8,850,540</b> |
| 330841       | CENTURYTEL OF MW-WV/CENCOM                    | \$68,444           | \$0             | \$793              | \$0            | \$0            | \$69,237           | \$76,089           | \$0             | \$373              | \$0            | \$0            | \$76,462           |
| 330842       | AMERY TELCOM, INC.                            | \$18,978           | \$0             | \$1,785            | \$0            | \$0            | \$20,763           | \$20,933           | \$0             | \$2,283            | \$0            | \$0            | \$23,216           |
| 330843       | AMHERST TEL. CO.                              | \$6,573            | \$0             | \$198              | \$0            | \$0            | \$6,771            | \$6,815            | \$0             | \$223              | \$0            | \$0            | \$7,038            |
| 330844       | BADGER TELECOM, INC.                          | \$52,785           | \$0             | \$1,569            | \$0            | \$0            | \$54,354           | \$54,728           | \$0             | \$1,557            | \$0            | \$0            | \$56,285           |
| 330846       | BALDWIN TELCOM., INC.                         | \$12,919           | \$0             | \$1,672            | \$0            | \$0            | \$14,591           | \$13,620           | \$0             | \$2,282            | \$0            | \$0            | \$15,902           |
| 330847       | BELMONT TEL. CO.                              | \$1,106            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$1,106            | \$1,456            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$1,456            |
| 330848       | BERGEN TEL. CO.                               | \$173              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$173              | \$60               | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$60               |
| 330849       | BLACK EARTH TEL. CO.                          | \$1,068            | \$0             | \$130              | \$0            | \$0            | \$1,198            | \$1,012            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$1,012            |
| 330850       | BLOOMER TEL. CO.                              | \$7,807            | \$0             | \$102              | \$0            | \$0            | \$7,909            | \$8,524            | \$0             | \$154              | \$0            | \$0            | \$8,678            |
| 330851       | BONDUEL TEL. CO.                              | \$2,995            | \$0             | \$183              | \$0            | \$0            | \$3,178            | \$3,901            | \$0             | \$258              | \$0            | \$0            | \$4,159            |
| 330855       | BRUCE TEL. CO., INC.                          | \$5,765            | \$0             | \$1,239            | \$0            | \$0            | \$7,004            | \$8,979            | \$0             | \$759              | \$0            | \$0            | \$9,738            |
| 330856       | BURLINGTON BRIGHTON & WHEATLAND TEL.          | \$3,255            | \$0             | \$242              | \$0            | \$0            | \$3,497            | \$3,400            | \$0             | \$198              | \$0            | \$0            | \$3,598            |
| 330857       | CENTURYTEL OF MW-WI/CASCO                     | \$1,374            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$1,374            | \$2,435            | \$0             | \$12               | \$0            | \$0            | \$2,447            |
| 330859       | CENTRAL STATE TEL. CO.                        | \$27,739           | \$144           | \$1,169            | \$0            | \$0            | \$29,052           | \$29,570           | \$156           | \$1,176            | \$0            | \$0            | \$30,902           |
| 330860       | CHEQUAMEGON COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE        | \$23,607           | \$0             | \$1,036            | \$0            | \$0            | \$24,643           | \$24,819           | \$0             | \$1,572            | \$0            | \$0            | \$26,391           |
| 330861       | CHIBARDUN TEL. COOP., INC.                    | \$12,047           | \$0             | \$472              | \$0            | \$0            | \$12,519           | \$14,011           | \$0             | \$340              | \$0            | \$0            | \$14,351           |
| 330863       | CITIZENS TEL. COOP., INC.-WI                  | \$3,744            | \$0             | \$34               | \$0            | \$0            | \$3,778            | \$4,913            | \$0             | \$146              | \$0            | \$0            | \$5,059            |
| 330865       | CLEAR LAKE TEL. CO., INC.-WI                  | \$1,389            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$1,389            | \$1,392            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$1,392            |
| 330866       | COCHRANE COOP. TEL. CO.                       | \$3,000            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$3,000            | \$3,634            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$3,634            |
| 330868       | COON VALLEY FARMERS TEL. CO., INC.            | \$4,693            | \$0             | \$76               | \$0            | \$0            | \$4,769            | \$4,947            | \$0             | \$51               | \$0            | \$0            | \$4,998            |
| 330870       | RHINELANDER TEL CO (GRANDON)                  | \$7,648            | \$1,155         | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$8,803            | \$7,390            | \$1,296         | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$8,686            |
| 330872       | CUBA CITY TEL. EXCH. CO.                      | \$2,538            | \$0             | \$63               | \$0            | \$0            | \$2,601            | \$3,050            | \$0             | \$72               | \$0            | \$0            | \$3,122            |
| 330875       | DICKEYVILLE TEL. CO.                          | \$1,125            | \$0             | \$44               | \$0            | \$0            | \$1,169            | \$896              | \$0             | \$44               | \$0            | \$16           | \$956              |
| 330877       | CENTURYTEL OF FAIRWATER-BRANDON-ALTO, INC.    | \$1,819            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$1,819            | \$2,126            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$2,126            |
| 330879       | FARMERS IND. TEL. CO.-WI                      | \$5,109            | \$0             | \$421              | \$0            | \$0            | \$5,530            | \$8,070            | \$0             | \$825              | \$0            | \$0            | \$8,895            |
| 330880       | FARMERS TEL. CO.-WI                           | \$15,504           | \$0             | \$1,187            | \$0            | \$0            | \$16,691           | \$17,876           | \$0             | \$848              | \$0            | \$3            | \$18,727           |
| 330881       | MID-PLAINS TEL., INC.                         | \$16,159           | \$0             | \$573              | \$0            | \$0            | \$16,732           | \$18,483           | \$0             | \$502              | \$0            | \$0            | \$18,985           |
| 330884       | CENTURYTEL OF FORESTVILLE, INC.               | \$5,143            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$5,143            | \$5,549            | \$0             | \$3                | \$0            | \$0            | \$5,552            |
| 330886       | VERIZON NORTH INC. - WI                       | \$577,878          | \$8,559         | \$21,931           | \$151          | \$151          | \$608,519          | \$663,907          | \$6,440         | \$17,783           | \$0            | \$166          | \$688,296          |
| 330889       | HAGER TELECOM, INC.                           | \$1,613            | \$0             | \$106              | \$0            | \$0            | \$1,719            | \$2,475            | \$0             | \$149              | \$0            | \$0            | \$2,624            |
| 330891       | RHINELANDER TEL-HEADWATERS                    | \$7,103            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$7,103            | \$8,340            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0            | \$8,340            |

**Table 2.5**  
**Low-Income Program Dollars by Study Area**

| ID Code | Study Area Name                            | 2004             |                 |                    |                |         |             | 2005             |                 |                    |                |         |             |
|---------|--|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|---------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|---------|-------------|
|         |  | General Lifeline | Tribal Lifeline | Non-Tribal Link Up | Tribal Link Up | TLS     | Total       | General Lifeline | Tribal Lifeline | Non-Tribal Link Up | Tribal Link Up | TLS     | Total       |
|         | WISCONSIN Continued                        |                  |                 |                    |                |         |             |                  |                 |                    |                |         |             |
| 330892  | HILLSBORO TEL. CO., INC.                   | \$12,830         | \$0             | \$408              | \$0            | \$0     | \$13,238    | \$15,367         | \$0             | \$398              | \$0            | \$0     | \$15,765    |
| 330895  | CENTURYTEL. OF WISCONSIN, INC.             | \$129,820        | \$0             | \$1,142            | \$0            | \$0     | \$130,962   | \$153,641        | \$0             | \$482              | \$0            | \$0     | \$154,123   |
| 330896  | LAKEFIELD TEL. CO.                         | \$5,734          | \$0             | \$372              | \$0            | \$0     | \$6,106     | \$9,211          | \$0             | \$668              | \$0            | \$0     | \$9,879     |
| 330898  | CENTURYTEL. OF LARSEN-READFIELD, INC.      | \$2,020          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0     | \$2,020     | \$2,439          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0     | \$2,439     |
| 330899  | LA VALLE TEL. COOP.                        | \$4,397          | \$0             | \$295              | \$0            | \$0     | \$4,692     | \$4,466          | \$0             | \$90               | \$0            | \$0     | \$4,556     |
| 330900  | LEMONWEIR VALLEY TEL. CO.                  | \$10,291         | \$0             | \$81               | \$0            | \$0     | \$10,372    | \$10,817         | \$0             | \$60               | \$0            | \$0     | \$10,877    |
| 330902  | LUCK TEL. CO.                              | \$5,645          | \$0             | \$428              | \$0            | \$0     | \$6,073     | \$7,032          | \$0             | \$480              | \$0            | \$0     | \$7,512     |
| 330905  | MANAWA TEL. CO.                            | \$12,180         | \$0             | \$63               | \$0            | \$0     | \$12,243    | \$13,533         | \$0             | \$85               | \$0            | \$0     | \$13,618    |
| 330908  | MARQUETTE-ADAMS TEL. COOP., INC.           | \$9,724          | \$0             | \$658              | \$0            | \$0     | \$10,382    | \$11,236         | \$0             | \$640              | \$0            | \$0     | \$11,876    |
| 330909  | MIDWAY TEL. CO.                            | \$33,423         | \$0             | \$428              | \$0            | \$0     | \$33,851    | \$39,432         | \$0             | \$444              | \$0            | \$0     | \$39,876    |
| 330910  | MILLTOWN MUTUAL TEL. CO.                   | \$6,442          | \$0             | \$194              | \$52           | \$0     | \$6,688     | \$6,218          | \$350           | \$275              | \$0            | \$0     | \$6,843     |
| 330912  | FRONTIER COMM. OF MONDOVI, INC.            | \$12,959         | \$0             | \$101              | \$0            | \$0     | \$13,060    | \$13,647         | \$0             | \$242              | \$0            | \$0     | \$13,889    |
| 330913  | CENTURYTEL. OF MONROE COUNTY, INC.         | \$29,481         | \$0             | \$176              | \$0            | \$0     | \$29,657    | \$29,972         | \$0             | \$103              | \$0            | \$0     | \$30,075    |
| 330914  | EASTCOAST TELECOM, INC.                    | \$10,229         | \$0             | \$211              | \$0            | \$0     | \$10,440    | \$11,084         | \$0             | \$281              | \$0            | \$0     | \$11,365    |
| 330915  | MOSINEE TEL. CO.                           | \$7,288          | \$0             | \$240              | \$0            | \$0     | \$7,528     | \$7,864          | \$0             | \$540              | \$0            | \$0     | \$8,404     |
| 330916  | MOUNT HOREB TEL. CO.                       | \$6,076          | \$0             | \$152              | \$0            | \$0     | \$6,228     | \$6,406          | \$0             | \$26               | \$0            | \$0     | \$6,432     |
| 330917  | MOUNT VERNON TEL. CO.                      | \$9,023          | \$0             | \$1,017            | \$0            | \$0     | \$10,040    | \$10,813         | \$0             | \$1,107            | \$0            | \$0     | \$11,920    |
| 330918  | NELSON TEL. COOP.                          | \$12,728         | \$0             | \$95               | \$0            | \$0     | \$12,823    | \$16,136         | \$0             | \$237              | \$0            | \$0     | \$16,373    |
| 330920  | NIAGARA TEL. CO.                           | \$21,677         | \$0             | \$308              | \$0            | \$0     | \$21,985    | \$22,113         | \$0             | \$298              | \$0            | \$0     | \$22,411    |
| 330922  | CENTURYTEL OF MIDWEST-WI / NORTH-WEST      | \$127,949        | \$0             | \$1,766            | \$0            | \$0     | \$129,715   | \$135,584        | \$0             | \$273              | \$0            | \$0     | \$135,857   |
| 330924  | CENTURYTEL OF THE MIDWEST - KENDALL        | \$331,663        | \$0             | \$4,712            | \$0            | \$0     | \$336,375   | \$339,940        | \$0             | \$1,186            | \$0            | \$0     | \$341,126   |
| 330925  | BAYLAND TEL. INC.                          | \$2,407          | \$0             | \$23               | \$0            | \$0     | \$2,430     | \$2,679          | \$0             | \$114              | \$0            | \$0     | \$2,793     |
| 330930  | GRANTLAND TELECOM, INC.                    | \$9,259          | \$0             | \$629              | \$0            | \$0     | \$9,888     | \$11,781         | \$0             | \$700              | \$0            | \$0     | \$12,481    |
| 330931  | CENTURYTEL. OF SOUTHERN WISCONSIN, INC.    | \$12,178         | \$0             | \$75               | \$0            | \$0     | \$12,253    | \$12,407         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0     | \$12,407    |
| 330934  | CENTURYTEL OF MIDWEST-WI / PLATTEVILLE     | \$10,548         | \$0             | \$169              | \$0            | \$0     | \$10,717    | \$13,314         | \$0             | \$18               | \$0            | \$0     | \$13,332    |
| 330936  | INDIANHEAD TEL. CO.                        | \$5,795          | \$0             | \$210              | \$0            | \$0     | \$6,005     | \$7,168          | \$0             | \$210              | \$0            | \$0     | \$7,378     |
| 330937  | PRICE COUNTY TEL. CO.                      | \$20,971         | \$0             | \$1,740            | \$0            | \$0     | \$22,711    | \$25,663         | \$0             | \$1,380            | \$0            | \$0     | \$27,043    |
| 330938  | NORTHEAST TEL. CO.                         | \$12,022         | \$0             | \$350              | \$0            | \$0     | \$12,372    | \$14,541         | \$369           | \$232              | \$0            | \$0     | \$15,142    |
| 330940  | RHINELANDER TEL. CO.DBA FRONTIER           | \$36,872         | \$0             | \$2,926            | \$0            | \$0     | \$39,798    | \$41,307         | \$0             | \$3,361            | \$0            | \$0     | \$44,688    |
| 330941  | RHINELANDER TEL CO (RIB LAKE) DBA FRONTIER | \$4,578          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0     | \$4,578     | \$5,199          | \$12            | \$0                | \$0            | \$0     | \$5,211     |
| 330942  | RICHLAND-GRANT TEL. COOP., INC.            | \$18,482         | \$0             | \$1,280            | \$0            | \$0     | \$19,762    | \$20,390         | \$0             | \$1,200            | \$0            | \$0     | \$21,590    |
| 330943  | RIVERSIDE TELECOM, INC.                    | \$6,827          | \$0             | \$402              | \$0            | \$0     | \$7,229     | \$7,813          | \$0             | \$417              | \$0            | \$0     | \$8,230     |
| 330944  | FRONTIER COMM.-ST. CROIX, INC.             | \$7,908          | \$0             | \$146              | \$0            | \$0     | \$8,054     | \$8,327          | \$0             | \$93               | \$0            | \$0     | \$8,420     |
| 330945  | SCANDINAVIA TEL. CO.                       | \$10,983         | \$0             | \$366              | \$0            | \$0     | \$11,349    | \$10,679         | \$0             | \$404              | \$0            | \$0     | \$11,083    |
| 330946  | SHARON TEL. CO.                            | \$3,192          | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0     | \$3,192     | \$3,661          | \$0             | \$84               | \$0            | \$0     | \$3,745     |
| 330949  | SIREN TEL. CO., INC.                       | \$8,363          | \$0             | \$1,024            | \$0            | \$0     | \$9,387     | \$10,633         | \$0             | \$1,555            | \$0            | \$0     | \$12,188    |
| 330950  | CENTURYTEL. OF NORTHWEST WISCONSIN, INC.   | \$48,289         | \$0             | \$340              | \$0            | \$0     | \$48,629    | \$50,159         | \$0             | \$47               | \$0            | \$0     | \$50,206    |
| 330951  | SOMERSET TEL. CO., INC.                    | \$816            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0     | \$816       | \$844            | \$0             | \$30               | \$0            | \$0     | \$874       |
| 330952  | SOUTHEAST TEL. CO. OF WIS., INC.           | \$5,769          | \$0             | \$615              | \$0            | \$0     | \$6,384     | \$7,482          | \$0             | \$741              | \$0            | \$0     | \$8,223     |
| 330953  | SPRING VALLEY TEL. CO., INC.               | \$4,142          | \$0             | \$103              | \$0            | \$0     | \$4,245     | \$3,873          | \$0             | \$40               | \$0            | \$0     | \$3,913     |
| 330954  | STOCKBRIDGE & SHERWOOD TEL. CO.            | \$5,878          | \$0             | \$275              | \$0            | \$0     | \$6,153     | \$6,094          | \$0             | \$180              | \$0            | \$0     | \$6,274     |
| 330955  | STATE LONG DISTANCE TEL. CO.               | \$26,667         | \$0             | \$2,671            | \$0            | \$0     | \$29,338    | \$30,166         | \$0             | \$2,286            | \$0            | \$0     | \$32,452    |
| 330956  | CENTURYTEL. OF NORTHERN WISCONSIN, INC.    | \$30,726         | \$0             | \$190              | \$0            | \$0     | \$30,916    | \$35,759         | \$0             | \$76               | \$0            | \$0     | \$35,835    |
| 330958  | TENNEY TEL. CO.                            | \$5,549          | \$0             | \$274              | \$0            | \$0     | \$5,823     | \$6,289          | \$0             | \$127              | \$0            | \$0     | \$6,416     |
| 330959  | CENTURYTEL OF MIDWEST-WI / THORP           | \$15,808         | \$0             | \$140              | \$0            | \$0     | \$15,948    | \$15,697         | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0     | \$15,697    |
| 330960  | TRI-COUNTY TEL. COOP., INC.-WI             | \$17,062         | \$0             | \$326              | \$0            | \$0     | \$17,388    | \$18,134         | \$0             | \$333              | \$0            | \$0     | \$18,467    |
| 330962  | UNION TEL. CO.                             | \$6,087          | \$0             | \$326              | \$0            | \$0     | \$6,413     | \$7,354          | \$0             | \$321              | \$0            | \$0     | \$7,675     |
| 330963  | UTELCO, INC.                               | \$31,717         | \$0             | \$1,866            | \$0            | \$0     | \$33,583    | \$34,376         | \$0             | \$2,146            | \$0            | \$0     | \$36,522    |
| 330964  | FRONTIER COMM. OF WISCONSIN, INC.          | \$75,609         | \$11,785        | \$2,102            | \$0            | \$0     | \$89,496    | \$80,838         | \$11,538        | \$2,096            | \$0            | \$0     | \$94,472    |
| 330966  | VERNON TEL. COOP.                          | \$10,361         | \$0             | \$144              | \$0            | \$0     | \$10,505    | \$13,620         | \$0             | \$81               | \$0            | \$0     | \$13,701    |
| 330967  | FRONTIER COMM. OF VIROQUA, INC.            | \$20,407         | \$0             | \$325              | \$0            | \$0     | \$20,732    | \$22,382         | \$0             | \$224              | \$0            | \$0     | \$22,606    |
| 330968  | WAUNAKEE TEL. CO.                          | \$5,112          | \$0             | \$467              | \$0            | \$0     | \$5,579     | \$5,801          | \$0             | \$344              | \$0            | \$0     | \$6,145     |
| 330970  | CENTURYTEL OF MIDWEST-WI/ WAYSIDE          | \$9,653          | \$0             | \$84               | \$0            | \$0     | \$9,737     | \$10,220         | \$0             | \$53               | \$0            | \$0     | \$10,273    |
| 330971  | WEST WISCONSIN TELCOM COOP., INC.          | \$4,360          | \$0             | \$60               | \$0            | \$0     | \$4,420     | \$6,701          | \$0             | \$2                | \$0            | \$0     | \$6,703     |
| 330973  | WITTENBERG TEL. CO.                        | \$4,859          | \$0             | \$127              | \$0            | \$0     | \$4,986     | \$5,289          | \$0             | \$217              | \$0            | \$0     | \$5,506     |
| 330974  | WOOD COUNTY TEL. CO.                       | \$74,311         | \$0             | \$10,645           | \$0            | \$0     | \$84,956    | \$82,881         | \$0             | \$11,113           | \$0            | \$0     | \$93,994    |
| 331155  | TELEPHONE USA OF WISCONSIN, LLC            | \$129,440        | \$0             | \$1,122            | \$0            | \$0     | \$130,562   | \$140,234        | \$0             | \$792              | \$0            | \$0     | \$141,026   |
| 331159  | CENTURYTEL OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN            | \$136,014        | \$0             | \$1,628            | \$0            | \$0     | \$137,642   | \$147,977        | \$0             | \$506              | \$0            | \$0     | \$148,483   |
| 335220  | WISCONSIN BELL                             | \$4,749,577      | \$0             | \$710,383          | \$0            | \$2,833 | \$5,462,793 | \$4,909,696      | \$0             | \$651,484          | \$0            | \$3,301 | \$5,564,481 |
| 339001  | CTC TELECOM, INC                           | \$28,422         | \$0             | \$103              | \$0            | \$0     | \$28,525    | \$32,529         | \$0             | \$78               | \$0            | \$0     | \$32,607    |
| 339003  | CHEQTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.               | \$3,398          | \$0             | \$521              | \$0            | \$0     | \$3,919     | \$5,485          | \$0             | \$940              | \$0            | \$0     | \$6,425     |
| 339006  | MIDWEST WIRELESS WISCONSIN LLC             | \$27             | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0     | \$27        | \$188            | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0     | \$188       |
| 339007  | UNITED STATES CELLULAR OPERATING CO.       | \$3,495          | \$350           | \$255              | \$30           | \$0     | \$4,130     | \$6,471          | \$275           | \$180              | \$45           | \$0     | \$6,971     |
| 339010  | WISCONSIN RSA#4, LTD. PARTNERSHIP (WI)     | \$3,437          | \$0             | \$3,600            | \$0            | \$0     | \$7,037     | \$8,143          | \$11,400        | \$735              | \$2,490        | \$0     | \$22,768    |
| 339011  | WAUSAU CELLULAR TELEPHONE CO. LP (WI)      | \$1,010          | \$0             | \$660              | \$0            | \$0     | \$1,670     | \$1,383          | \$0             | \$270              | \$0            | \$0     | \$1,653     |
| 339012  | WISCONSIN RSA#10, LTD. PARTNERSHIP (WI)    | \$2,388          | \$0             | \$2,430            | \$0            | \$0     | \$4,818     | \$2,790          | \$0             | \$360              | \$0            | \$0     | \$3,150     |
| 339013  | METRO SOUTHWEST PCS, LLP (WI)              | \$3,330          | \$0             | \$4,680            | \$0            | \$0     | \$8,010     | \$0              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0     | \$0         |
| 339014  | BROWN COUNTY MSA LTD. PARTNERSHIP (WI)     | \$23,544         | \$0             | \$34,080           | \$0            | \$0     | \$57,624    | \$12,948         | \$1,475         | \$780              | \$330          | \$0     | \$15,533    |
| 339015  | NSIGHTTEL WIRELESS, LLC                    | \$61             | \$0             | \$90               | \$0            | \$0     | \$151       | \$3,534          | \$475           | \$585              | \$105          | \$0     | \$4,699     |
| 339021  | SAGE TELECOM, INC. - WI                    | \$57,352         | \$0             | \$14,219           | \$0            | \$0     | \$71,571    | \$247,223        | \$0             | \$35,345           | \$0            | \$0     | \$282,568   |
| 339920  | AMERICAN CELLULAR CORPORATION              | \$33             | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0     | \$33        | \$0              | \$0             | \$0                | \$0            | \$0     | \$0         |

**Table 2.5**  
**Low-Income Program Dollars by Study Area**

| ID Code      | Study Area Name                       | 2004                 |                     |                     |                    |                    |                      | 2005                 |                     |                     |                    |                    |                      |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
|              |                                       | General Lifeline     | Tribal Lifeline     | Non-Tribal Link Up  | Tribal Link Up     | TLS                | Total                | General Lifeline     | Tribal Lifeline     | Non-Tribal Link Up  | Tribal Link Up     | TLS                | Total                |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>WYOMING</b>                        | <b>\$450,384</b>     | <b>\$96,591</b>     | <b>\$110,267</b>    | <b>\$6,571</b>     | <b>\$46,557</b>    | <b>\$710,370</b>     | <b>\$954,718</b>     | <b>\$108,981</b>    | <b>\$159,605</b>    | <b>\$25,272</b>    | <b>\$152,315</b>   | <b>\$1,400,689</b>   |
| 511595       | UNITED TELEPHONE CO. OF THE WEST-WY   | \$13,495             | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$13,495             | \$14,944             | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$14,944             |
| 512251       | RT COMMUNICATIONS INC.                | \$11,127             | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$11,127             | \$13,976             | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                | \$10               | \$13,986             |
| 512251       | RANGE TELEPHONE COOP. INC.            | \$1,105              | \$0                 | \$100               | \$0                | \$0                | \$1,205              | \$1,266              | \$0                 | \$75                | \$0                | \$0                | \$1,341              |
| 512289       | CHUGWATER TELEPHONE COMPANY           | \$0                  | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                  | \$0                  | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                  |
| 512290       | ALL WEST COMMUNICATIONS-WY            | \$1,682              | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$1,682              | \$2,274              | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$2,274              |
| 512291       | DUBOIS TELEPHONE EXCHANGE INC.        | \$3,417              | \$1,008             | \$79                | \$0                | \$0                | \$4,504              | \$4,031              | \$1,038             | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$5,069              |
| 512295       | SILVER STAR TEL. CO. - WY             | \$1,293              | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$1,293              | \$1,355              | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$1,355              |
| 512296       | TCT WEST INC.                         | \$8,659              | \$0                 | \$363               | \$0                | \$0                | \$9,022              | \$10,283             | \$0                 | \$434               | \$0                | \$0                | \$10,717             |
| 512296       | TRI COUNTY TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION INC. | \$769                | \$0                 | \$120               | \$0                | \$0                | \$889                | \$887                | \$0                 | \$11                | \$0                | \$0                | \$898                |
| 512297       | UNION TELEPHONE CO.                   | \$6,554              | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$6,554              | \$7,888              | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$7,888              |
| 512299       | CENTURYTEL OF WYOMING, INC.           | \$1,112              | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$1,112              | \$1,422              | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$1,422              |
| 515108       | QWEST CORPORATION - WYOMING           | \$305,974            | \$92,508            | \$31,121            | \$371              | \$1,844            | \$431,818            | \$489,025            | \$89,343            | \$56,217            | \$672              | \$742              | \$635,999            |
| 519002       | WWC LICENSE LLC DBA WESTERN WIRELESS  | \$0                  | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                  | \$0                  | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                  |
| 519004       | ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY    | \$993                | \$0                 | \$544               | \$0                | \$40               | \$1,577              | \$14,439             | \$0                 | \$2,608             | \$0                | \$120              | \$17,167             |
| 519006       | VCI COMPANY                           | \$94,204             | \$3,075             | \$77,940            | \$6,200            | \$44,673           | \$226,092            | \$392,926            | \$18,600            | \$100,260           | \$24,600           | \$151,443          | \$667,829            |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>INDUSTRY</b>                       | <b>\$695,217,236</b> | <b>\$30,503,464</b> | <b>\$30,903,803</b> | <b>\$1,238,566</b> | <b>\$5,114,204</b> | <b>\$762,977,273</b> | <b>\$717,720,372</b> | <b>\$45,642,024</b> | <b>\$31,740,775</b> | <b>\$2,557,962</b> | <b>\$6,220,461</b> | <b>\$803,881,594</b> |

Source: Universal Service Administrative Company.

**Table 2.6**  
**Lifeline Assistance Subscribers by State or Jurisdiction**

| State or Jurisdiction    | 1995      | 1996      | 1997 <sup>1</sup> | 1998      | 1999      | 2000      | 2001      | 2002      | 2003      | 2004      | 2005 <sup>2</sup> |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Alabama                  | 2,648     | 11,052    | 14,346            | 17,201    | 18,676    | 21,493    | 23,904    | 27,274    | 24,348    | 26,087    | 26,955            |
| Alaska                   | 1,445     | 1,684     | 1,761             | 2,530     | 4,321     | 6,176     | 8,631     | 12,223    | 14,771    | 18,125    | 25,797            |
| American Samoa           | 0         | 0         | 0                 | 156       | 427       | 657       | 764       | 757       | 626       | 623       | 594               |
| Arizona                  | 9,820     | 10,679    | 9,438             | 21,461    | 22,118    | 23,971    | 32,214    | 50,093    | 60,428    | 69,129    | 73,816            |
| Arkansas                 | 7,988     | 9,730     | 8,926             | 8,870     | 8,843     | 9,228     | 9,042     | 12,414    | 16,913    | 20,442    | 23,630            |
| California               | 2,817,982 | 3,032,960 | 3,000,571         | 3,105,855 | 3,157,706 | 3,196,638 | 3,245,896 | 3,218,218 | 2,994,575 | 2,973,899 | 3,104,117         |
| Colorado                 | 16,992    | 22,195    | 22,452            | 21,950    | 23,995    | 26,643    | 26,924    | 29,838    | 31,945    | 32,998    | 29,299            |
| Connecticut              | 62,982    | 62,610    | 61,683            | 59,547    | 61,437    | 64,745    | 60,680    | 57,992    | 57,153    | 55,428    | 53,459            |
| Delaware                 | 0         | 0         | 0                 | 368       | 606       | 756       | 1,278     | 2,203     | 2,960     | 2,784     | 2,587             |
| District of Columbia     | 10,252    | 9,888     | 7,580             | 9,404     | 10,593    | 11,236    | 12,869    | 13,547    | 12,913    | 11,263    | 10,675            |
| Florida                  | 108,431   | 134,258   | 129,723           | 131,749   | 129,980   | 134,280   | 140,829   | 142,705   | 143,267   | 153,356   | 151,333           |
| Georgia                  | 79,545    | 79,606    | 75,341            | 73,660    | 74,825    | 73,037    | 70,158    | 68,217    | 67,599    | 67,906    | 69,005            |
| Guam                     | 0         | 0         | 0                 | 313       | 905       | 2,033     | 2,486     | 2,954     | 3,169     | 3,426     | 3,513             |
| Hawaii                   | 6,444     | 6,731     | 6,465             | 9,008     | 12,590    | 15,381    | 14,869    | 14,136    | 10,485    | 7,653     | 6,882             |
| Idaho                    | 7,347     | 7,526     | 7,408             | 6,907     | 14,780    | 19,691    | 24,498    | 27,547    | 28,360    | 29,890    | 32,046            |
| Illinois                 | 0         | 0         | 0                 | 29,104    | 49,347    | 57,816    | 70,036    | 87,381    | 94,712    | 100,268   | 107,187           |
| Indiana                  | 0         | 0         | 0                 | 12,439    | 19,058    | 21,363    | 31,688    | 40,496    | 46,622    | 50,790    | 56,461            |
| Iowa                     | 0         | 0         | 0                 | 2,460     | 6,105     | 11,862    | 14,059    | 19,233    | 43,684    | 50,098    | 61,187            |
| Kansas                   | 0         | 0         | 0                 | 4,260     | 5,591     | 8,564     | 13,034    | 13,886    | 14,697    | 19,717    | 27,567            |
| Kentucky                 | 0         | 0         | 0                 | 5,044     | 25,040    | 39,560    | 45,257    | 60,733    | 56,522    | 61,239    | 64,751            |
| Louisiana                | 0         | 0         | 0                 | 5,838     | 10,435    | 15,476    | 19,175    | 21,308    | 21,763    | 21,512    | 22,195            |
| Maine                    | 62,949    | 61,177    | 63,553            | 63,407    | 67,401    | 76,356    | 82,371    | 84,702    | 82,284    | 75,560    | 70,957            |
| Maryland                 | 4,663     | 4,028     | 3,964             | 3,784     | 3,885     | 3,948     | 3,985     | 4,028     | 4,230     | 4,360     | 4,561             |
| Massachusetts            | 167,182   | 162,384   | 156,294           | 161,657   | 167,699   | 165,519   | 162,163   | 163,026   | 150,513   | 132,617   | 119,901           |
| Michigan                 | 135,599   | 131,786   | 129,337           | 129,208   | 132,432   | 141,540   | 132,013   | 118,113   | 112,738   | 110,025   | 109,974           |
| Minnesota                | 51,089    | 48,494    | 47,575            | 49,073    | 54,787    | 56,929    | 50,846    | 47,530    | 48,654    | 54,723    | 60,886            |
| Mississippi              | 9,717     | 9,282     | 8,321             | 10,471    | 13,370    | 16,694    | 19,946    | 22,606    | 24,066    | 26,066    | 28,490            |
| Missouri                 | 13,897    | 11,272    | 10,368            | 7,885     | 10,709    | 18,982    | 31,461    | 35,873    | 38,191    | 42,614    | 49,508            |
| Montana                  | 6,813     | 8,031     | 7,613             | 7,963     | 9,570     | 10,138    | 12,307    | 13,349    | 13,719    | 14,179    | 15,500            |
| Nebraska                 | 0         | 0         | 0                 | 9,650     | 11,434    | 14,361    | 14,541    | 15,098    | 15,869    | 19,189    | 21,741            |
| Nevada                   | 9,408     | 8,472     | 9,284             | 3,438     | 10,551    | 17,432    | 26,525    | 37,797    | 42,441    | 48,177    | 43,311            |
| New Hampshire            | 0         | 0         | 0                 | 2,581     | 5,205     | 6,453     | 6,963     | 7,255     | 7,168     | 6,778     | 6,449             |
| New Jersey               | 0         | 0         | 0                 | 5,478     | 6,434     | 29,095    | 42,234    | 47,198    | 93,924    | 118,972   | 128,151           |
| New Mexico               | 28,380    | 30,075    | 30,314            | 30,816    | 32,843    | 36,546    | 38,144    | 44,495    | 49,332    | 52,163    | 62,070            |
| New York                 | 705,871   | 756,657   | 698,267           | 703,001   | 657,267   | 586,657   | 509,604   | 495,605   | 458,850   | 452,601   | 427,168           |
| North Carolina           | 22,791    | 23,086    | 22,595            | 29,640    | 44,434    | 62,506    | 84,667    | 100,563   | 111,068   | 120,417   | 124,166           |
| North Dakota             | 8,657     | 7,146     | 7,369             | 10,895    | 11,968    | 12,979    | 14,598    | 17,530    | 19,050    | 19,943    | 21,735            |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 0         | 0         | 0                 | 192       | 494       | 427       | 445       | 481       | 598       | 700       | 760               |
| Ohio                     | 54,706    | 58,392    | 60,366            | 69,358    | 109,202   | 167,213   | 230,950   | 278,335   | 278,621   | 304,560   | 313,460           |
| Oklahoma                 | 0         | 532       | 532               | 1,521     | 2,454     | 7,138     | 38,645    | 67,386    | 81,376    | 100,643   | 130,848           |
| Oregon                   | 35,820    | 34,804    | 31,213            | 27,953    | 28,934    | 30,368    | 31,445    | 36,448    | 40,418    | 46,382    | 54,720            |
| Pennsylvania             | 0         | 4,797     | 7,114             | 23,202    | 40,168    | 48,975    | 66,916    | 97,505    | 124,589   | 146,612   | 160,408           |
| Puerto Rico              | 0         | 0         | 0                 | 10,168    | 16,895    | 17,720    | 18,002    | 59,493    | 87,953    | 97,050    | 108,022           |
| Rhode Island             | 40,835    | 42,524    | 43,881            | 45,066    | 46,244    | 47,412    | 46,702    | 45,892    | 45,857    | 42,116    | 38,836            |
| South Carolina           | 10,624    | 16,498    | 18,386            | 22,222    | 21,091    | 20,817    | 21,179    | 21,891    | 23,421    | 24,294    | 23,754            |
| South Dakota             | 3,690     | 3,718     | 3,708             | 10,698    | 11,532    | 12,223    | 16,242    | 19,595    | 19,789    | 20,314    | 27,985            |
| Tennessee                | 19,934    | 19,926    | 18,819            | 22,915    | 30,347    | 38,884    | 45,695    | 49,074    | 51,964    | 53,812    | 53,284            |
| Texas                    | 165,609   | 190,095   | 193,444           | 210,672   | 236,934   | 258,810   | 305,435   | 429,478   | 458,544   | 598,260   | 652,606           |
| Utah                     | 26,930    | 24,088    | 22,625            | 20,096    | 19,237    | 19,386    | 19,941    | 19,482    | 20,435    | 20,930    | 23,265            |
| Vermont                  | 25,624    | 24,791    | 25,356            | 26,475    | 28,464    | 29,740    | 30,235    | 29,621    | 27,993    | 25,385    | 24,283            |
| Virgin Islands           | 253       | 296       | 471               | 567       | 402       | 511       | 6         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 368               |
| Virginia                 | 20,744    | 22,180    | 23,187            | 22,040    | 22,306    | 21,658    | 20,630    | 21,575    | 20,012    | 20,229    | 20,150            |
| Washington               | 87,276    | 84,149    | 63,965            | 61,563    | 61,809    | 67,792    | 77,246    | 87,145    | 107,954   | 125,580   | 139,956           |
| West Virginia            | 4,230     | 4,336     | 5,164             | 5,320     | 5,546     | 5,294     | 4,999     | 4,932     | 5,338     | 5,517     | 5,783             |
| Wisconsin                | 58,071    | 50,714    | 50,894            | 42,514    | 59,331    | 62,785    | 67,070    | 70,210    | 74,005    | 81,093    | 85,364            |
| Wyoming                  | 818       | 776       | 864               | 1,113     | 1,337     | 1,345     | 1,647     | 1,901     | 2,138     | 4,201     | 8,030             |
| Industry Total           | 4,914,056 | 5,233,425 | 5,110,537         | 5,380,726 | 5,640,094 | 5,875,239 | 6,144,089 | 6,518,367 | 6,490,614 | 6,792,695 | 7,119,506         |

<sup>1</sup> Subscriber data were not collected in 1997. Lifeline subscribership data were estimated by USAC.

<sup>2</sup> Subscribers reported for 2005 include true-ups through March 2006 for companies requesting reimbursement.

Source: Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

**Table 2.7**  
**Lifeline Assistance Subscribers for Tribal and Non-Tribal Areas**  
**By State or Jurisdiction**

| State or Jurisdiction    | 2003       |         | 2004       |         | 2005       |         |
|--------------------------|------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
|                          | Non-Tribal | Tribal  | Non-Tribal | Tribal  | Non-Tribal | Tribal  |
| Alabama                  | 24,348     | 0       | 26,086     | 1       | 26,948     | 7       |
| Alaska                   | 970        | 13,801  | 1,868      | 16,257  | 1,891      | 23,906  |
| American Samoa           | 626        | 0       | 623        | 0       | 594        | 0       |
| Arizona                  | 23,327     | 37,101  | 26,050     | 43,079  | 28,810     | 45,006  |
| Arkansas                 | 16,913     | 0       | 20,442     | 0       | 23,629     | 1       |
| California               | 2,994,277  | 298     | 2,973,509  | 390     | 3,103,682  | 435     |
| Colorado                 | 31,889     | 56      | 32,951     | 47      | 29,291     | 8       |
| Connecticut              | 57,153     | 0       | 55,428     | 0       | 53,459     | 0       |
| Delaware                 | 2,960      | 0       | 2,784      | 0       | 2,587      | 0       |
| District of Columbia     | 12,913     | 0       | 11,263     | 0       | 10,675     | 0       |
| Florida                  | 143,267    | 0       | 153,356    | 0       | 151,332    | 1       |
| Georgia                  | 67,599     | 0       | 67,906     | 0       | 69,005     | 0       |
| Guam                     | 3,169      | 0       | 3,426      | 0       | 3,513      | 0       |
| Hawaii                   | 10,485     | 0       | 7,653      | 0       | 6,882      | 0       |
| Idaho                    | 28,237     | 123     | 29,747     | 143     | 31,756     | 290     |
| Illinois                 | 94,712     | 0       | 100,268    | 0       | 107,187    | 0       |
| Indiana                  | 46,622     | 0       | 50,790     | 0       | 56,461     | 0       |
| Iowa                     | 43,682     | 2       | 50,096     | 2       | 61,184     | 3       |
| Kansas                   | 14,691     | 6       | 19,698     | 19      | 27,542     | 25      |
| Kentucky                 | 56,522     | 0       | 61,239     | 0       | 64,751     | 0       |
| Louisiana                | 21,763     | 0       | 21,512     | 0       | 22,193     | 2       |
| Maine                    | 81,812     | 472     | 75,135     | 425     | 70,555     | 402     |
| Maryland                 | 4,230      | 0       | 4,360      | 0       | 4,561      | 0       |
| Massachusetts            | 150,483    | 30      | 132,615    | 2       | 119,899    | 2       |
| Michigan                 | 112,522    | 216     | 109,797    | 228     | 109,711    | 263     |
| Minnesota                | 48,268     | 386     | 54,216     | 507     | 59,965     | 921     |
| Mississippi              | 24,066     | 0       | 26,066     | 0       | 28,488     | 2       |
| Missouri                 | 38,184     | 7       | 42,608     | 6       | 49,498     | 10      |
| Montana                  | 10,887     | 2,832   | 10,865     | 3,314   | 11,455     | 4,045   |
| Nebraska                 | 15,659     | 210     | 18,951     | 238     | 21,460     | 281     |
| Nevada                   | 42,294     | 147     | 48,001     | 176     | 43,146     | 165     |
| New Hampshire            | 7,168      | 0       | 6,778      | 0       | 6,449      | 0       |
| New Jersey               | 93,924     | 0       | 118,972    | 0       | 128,151    | 0       |
| New Mexico               | 44,809     | 4,523   | 45,808     | 6,355   | 49,748     | 12,322  |
| New York                 | 458,813    | 37      | 452,575    | 26      | 427,148    | 20      |
| North Carolina           | 111,067    | 1       | 120,413    | 4       | 124,161    | 5       |
| North Dakota             | 15,536     | 3,514   | 15,453     | 4,490   | 15,650     | 6,085   |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 598        | 0       | 700        | 0       | 760        | 0       |
| Ohio                     | 278,621    | 0       | 304,560    | 0       | 313,460    | 0       |
| Oklahoma                 | 17,104     | 64,272  | 19,734     | 80,909  | 13,413     | 117,435 |
| Oregon                   | 40,206     | 212     | 46,113     | 269     | 54,328     | 392     |
| Pennsylvania             | 124,589    | 0       | 146,612    | 0       | 160,408    | 0       |
| Puerto Rico              | 87,953     | 0       | 97,050     | 0       | 108,022    | 0       |
| Rhode Island             | 45,857     | 0       | 42,116     | 0       | 38,836     | 0       |
| South Carolina           | 23,416     | 5       | 24,289     | 5       | 23,745     | 9       |
| South Dakota             | 10,752     | 9,037   | 10,637     | 9,677   | 12,631     | 15,354  |
| Tennessee                | 51,964     | 0       | 53,812     | 0       | 53,284     | 0       |
| Texas                    | 454,704    | 3,840   | 595,012    | 3,248   | 652,013    | 593     |
| Utah                     | 20,319     | 116     | 20,779     | 151     | 22,970     | 295     |
| Vermont                  | 27,993     | 0       | 25,385     | 0       | 24,283     | 0       |
| Virgin Islands           | 0          | 0       | 0          | 0       | 368        | 0       |
| Virginia                 | 20,012     | 0       | 20,229     | 0       | 20,150     | 0       |
| Washington               | 102,516    | 5,438   | 119,715    | 5,865   | 132,461    | 7,495   |
| West Virginia            | 5,338      | 0       | 5,517      | 0       | 5,781      | 2       |
| Wisconsin                | 73,815     | 190     | 80,911     | 182     | 85,146     | 218     |
| Wyoming                  | 1,807      | 331     | 3,826      | 375     | 7,572      | 458     |
| Industry Total           | 6,343,411  | 147,203 | 6,616,305  | 176,390 | 6,883,048  | 236,458 |

Note: The average number of subscribers reported for 2005 includes true-ups through March 2006. Starting in October 2000, low-income subscribers are listed as either tribal or non-tribal due to implementation of the *Tribal Order*.

Source: Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).



**Table 2.8**  
**Lifeline Assistance Annual Payments by State or Jurisdiction**

| State or Jurisdiction    | 2001 <sup>1</sup> | 2002 <sup>1</sup> | 2003 <sup>1</sup> | 2004 <sup>1</sup> | 2005 <sup>1</sup> | Cumulative Total <sup>2</sup> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Alabama                  | \$2,276,029       | \$2,724,269       | \$2,986,290       | \$3,104,241       | \$3,198,375       | \$17,072,755                  |
| Alaska                   | 1,352,592         | 2,389,021         | 3,067,411         | 3,790,581         | 7,041,095         | 12,015,379                    |
| American Samoa           | 53,094            | 56,268            | 59,791            | 61,320            | 58,819            | 306,921                       |
| Arizona                  | 4,049,870         | 11,117,635        | 16,667,491        | 19,417,425        | 20,321,982        | 58,912,652                    |
| Arkansas                 | 689,099           | 1,119,139         | 1,602,598         | 1,942,229         | 2,215,545         | 10,151,329                    |
| California               | 287,477,213       | 295,815,249       | 284,470,724       | 284,265,962       | 287,224,653       | 2,359,891,773                 |
| Colorado                 | 2,639,245         | 3,271,230         | 3,774,854         | 3,978,687         | 3,510,466         | 27,103,293                    |
| Connecticut              | 5,103,910         | 5,380,100         | 5,565,397         | 5,378,204         | 5,174,071         | 43,718,130                    |
| Delaware                 | 118,446           | 222,626           | 321,339           | 274,025           | 253,897           | 1,049,615                     |
| District of Columbia     | 1,128,144         | 1,192,422         | 1,141,239         | 975,085           | 940,918           | 9,226,661                     |
| Florida                  | 13,729,167        | 15,225,621        | 16,336,631        | 18,049,577        | 17,495,850        | 112,941,240                   |
| Georgia                  | 6,684,415         | 7,257,162         | 7,820,670         | 8,042,439         | 8,194,730         | 67,441,235                    |
| Guam                     | 208,867           | 319,515           | 371,046           | 410,583           | 421,598           | 1,566,992                     |
| Hawaii                   | 1,170,757         | 1,227,080         | 989,774           | 752,437           | 680,995           | 8,666,341                     |
| Idaho                    | 2,473,617         | 3,053,429         | 3,385,816         | 3,623,865         | 3,892,225         | 19,594,909                    |
| Illinois                 | 5,875,243         | 7,716,831         | 8,606,815         | 8,134,639         | 8,564,235         | 40,307,389                    |
| Indiana                  | 2,611,278         | 3,591,246         | 4,208,224         | 4,585,671         | 5,105,360         | 18,554,600                    |
| Iowa                     | 1,064,515         | 1,582,736         | 3,828,774         | 4,422,879         | 5,619,380         | 12,222,152                    |
| Kansas                   | 1,273,036         | 1,442,972         | 1,558,511         | 2,176,883         | 3,053,874         | 8,047,892                     |
| Kentucky                 | 4,309,692         | 5,412,857         | 6,383,544         | 6,923,019         | 7,294,503         | 28,961,136                    |
| Louisiana                | 1,447,705         | 1,839,732         | 2,066,883         | 2,083,655         | 2,058,020         | 9,569,726                     |
| Maine                    | 7,945,134         | 9,183,322         | 9,669,057         | 9,023,958         | 8,460,957         | 76,364,527                    |
| Maryland                 | 391,217           | 427,235           | 468,105           | 482,324           | 502,034           | 4,627,973                     |
| Massachusetts            | 15,911,930        | 17,589,474        | 17,549,746        | 15,781,810        | 14,227,454        | 157,493,296                   |
| Michigan                 | 11,869,770        | 11,383,940        | 11,199,655        | 10,950,178        | 10,981,521        | 99,340,193                    |
| Minnesota                | 3,816,190         | 3,939,653         | 4,433,417         | 5,290,114         | 5,850,116         | 48,105,319                    |
| Mississippi              | 1,918,667         | 2,402,324         | 2,753,669         | 3,056,042         | 3,313,800         | 15,289,661                    |
| Missouri                 | 2,648,229         | 3,048,024         | 3,448,224         | 4,041,904         | 5,231,145         | 21,942,169                    |
| Montana                  | 1,343,203         | 1,711,144         | 1,964,149         | 2,160,204         | 2,596,146         | 12,166,690                    |
| Nebraska                 | 1,448,763         | 1,641,890         | 1,780,657         | 2,116,681         | 2,377,769         | 9,639,733                     |
| Nevada                   | 2,158,536         | 3,361,905         | 4,069,769         | 4,547,412         | 3,990,427         | 17,949,107                    |
| New Hampshire            | 532,891           | 630,337           | 687,122           | 665,391           | 631,051           | 3,453,645                     |
| New Jersey               | 3,696,365         | 4,604,010         | 10,731,414        | 13,891,186        | 14,959,280        | 35,697,945                    |
| New Mexico               | 3,946,066         | 5,302,110         | 6,655,454         | 7,566,568         | 10,447,057        | 41,215,699                    |
| New York                 | 46,048,282        | 51,745,601        | 53,108,003        | 52,578,981        | 49,262,463        | 549,434,750                   |
| North Carolina           | 8,147,797         | 10,815,327        | 12,911,303        | 14,117,355        | 14,403,238        | 66,177,848                    |
| North Dakota             | 1,387,297         | 1,966,009         | 2,355,925         | 3,061,910         | 3,669,342         | 14,673,546                    |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 28,055            | 36,249            | 53,996            | 69,280            | 75,195            | 258,206                       |
| Ohio                     | 19,701,541        | 25,607,175        | 28,758,070        | 32,294,668        | 33,906,255        | 148,042,260                   |
| Oklahoma                 | 6,530,442         | 12,553,035        | 15,256,912        | 20,022,851        | 30,728,385        | 55,461,057                    |
| Oregon                   | 3,107,974         | 4,014,153         | 4,841,464         | 5,726,704         | 6,981,105         | 36,439,260                    |
| Pennsylvania             | 5,751,122         | 9,239,235         | 12,491,291        | 14,687,668        | 15,761,926        | 51,307,428                    |
| Puerto Rico              | 1,134,103         | 6,462,595         | 10,209,619        | 11,554,292        | 12,874,857        | 32,128,514                    |
| Rhode Island             | 4,493,645         | 4,925,769         | 5,173,454         | 4,971,530         | 4,572,681         | 43,716,486                    |
| South Carolina           | 1,958,874         | 2,408,128         | 2,710,956         | 2,903,296         | 2,812,289         | 17,003,016                    |
| South Dakota             | 1,668,878         | 3,492,961         | 3,692,513         | 4,153,000         | 6,534,555         | 17,022,618                    |
| Tennessee                | 4,152,665         | 5,183,114         | 5,865,888         | 6,166,866         | 6,073,044         | 33,856,418                    |
| Texas                    | 30,100,776        | 44,265,464        | 48,449,831        | 64,337,488        | 70,035,006        | 287,758,498                   |
| Utah                     | 1,943,093         | 2,142,249         | 2,466,688         | 2,542,395         | 2,813,851         | 23,565,405                    |
| Vermont                  | 2,907,309         | 3,198,810         | 3,268,482         | 2,964,606         | 2,864,128         | 28,758,657                    |
| Virgin Islands           | 0                 | 0                 | 54,597            | 50,555            | 50,475            | 330,875                       |
| Virginia                 | 1,996,236         | 2,282,062         | 2,220,933         | 2,215,619         | 2,221,126         | 21,985,007                    |
| Washington               | 8,020,944         | 10,438,482        | 13,282,609        | 15,780,814        | 18,083,352        | 84,957,404                    |
| West Virginia            | 424,189           | 473,917           | 581,225           | 633,765           | 668,479           | 5,193,662                     |
| Wisconsin                | 5,521,926         | 6,380,986         | 6,974,380         | 7,440,551         | 8,085,745         | 41,454,821                    |
| Wyoming                  | 188,369           | 272,931           | 341,402           | 593,532           | 1,216,012         | 1,997,565                     |
| Industry Total           | \$558,576,412     | \$645,086,760     | \$685,693,801     | \$730,834,904     | \$769,582,857     | \$4,972,131,378               |

<sup>1</sup> Dollars reported are for companies requesting reimbursement. Approximately 99% have reported at this time. Data includes true-ups submitted through March 2006. Lifeline dollars, starting in 1998, include toll-limitation services (TLS) and presubscribed interexchange carrier charges (PICCs). PCCC charges are valid only through July 2000.

<sup>2</sup> Cumulative total reflects data collected from 1987, the inception of the Lifeline program, through 2004. For historical Lifeline assistance annual payment data, refer to earlier publications of the Monitoring Report at <http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/latd/monitor.html>.

Source: Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

**Table 2.9**  
**Link Up Assistance Beneficiaries by State or Jurisdiction**

| State or Jurisdiction  | 1995    | 1996    | 1997 <sup>1</sup> | 1998      | 1999      | 2000      | 2001      | 2002      | 2003      | 2004      | 2005 <sup>2</sup> |
|------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Alabama                | 276     | 362     | NA                | 2,277     | 1,590     | 1,469     | 1,427     | 1,158     | 992       | 832       | 1,670             |
| Alaska                 | 777     | 732     | NA                | 917       | 982       | 774       | 2,168     | 3,523     | 3,776     | 5,282     | 17,725            |
| American Samoa         | 0       | 0       | NA                | 122       | 89        | 53        | 61        | 41        | 19        | 8         | 37                |
| Arizona                | 387     | 906     | NA                | 528       | 4,805     | 4,883     | 15,117    | 17,755    | 12,204    | 13,020    | 11,619            |
| Arkansas               | 8,549   | 11,577  | NA                | 8,183     | 5,395     | 3,270     | 2,705     | 5,737     | 5,354     | 3,212     | 6,306             |
| California             | 0       | 0       | NA                | 1,542,297 | 1,325,904 | 1,216,709 | 1,160,770 | 1,072,705 | 1,089,784 | 1,001,397 | 956,587           |
| Colorado               | 593     | 2,216   | NA                | 2,537     | 1,278     | 1,115     | 1,134     | 655       | 711       | 825       | 710               |
| Connecticut            | 18,410  | 13,934  | NA                | 8,938     | 6,829     | 4,442     | 3,774     | 4,137     | 4,779     | 4,976     | 4,709             |
| Delaware               | 7       | 406     | NA                | 132       | 62        | 48        | 450       | 1,462     | 1,276     | 604       | 478               |
| District of Columbia   | 1,920   | 1,784   | NA                | 26        | 28        | 3         | 0         | 46        | 533       | 443       | 435               |
| Florida                | 1,639   | 3,831   | NA                | 9,799     | 9,266     | 9,684     | 10,102    | 13,339    | 14,198    | 13,565    | 13,409            |
| Georgia                | 20,656  | 15,368  | NA                | 10,701    | 8,723     | 4,349     | 3,711     | 4,439     | 5,363     | 5,815     | 8,671             |
| Guam                   | 0       | 0       | NA                | 201       | 703       | 787       | 1,093     | 1,392     | 1,240     | 1,093     | 945               |
| Hawaii                 | 3,989   | 3,276   | NA                | 6,408     | 10,126    | 10,511    | 8,821     | 5,880     | 1,966     | 739       | 548               |
| Idaho                  | 571     | 671     | NA                | 793       | 1,231     | 2,169     | 1,464     | 1,023     | 1,250     | 1,210     | 1,521             |
| Illinois               | 15,794  | 10,077  | NA                | 12,304    | 12,934    | 13,052    | 29,521    | 43,514    | 39,453    | 46,337    | 49,996            |
| Indiana                | 3,001   | 4,318   | NA                | 4,605     | 5,507     | 5,978     | 13,250    | 21,517    | 12,874    | 23,905    | 25,100            |
| Iowa                   | 3,249   | 2,575   | NA                | 2,093     | 1,449     | 1,159     | 1,463     | 2,677     | 3,459     | 3,441     | 20,635            |
| Kansas                 | 435     | 421     | NA                | 1,385     | 1,483     | 3,020     | 3,715     | 3,435     | 4,229     | 3,824     | 3,859             |
| Kentucky               | 13,902  | 14,173  | NA                | 7,550     | 9,815     | 8,375     | 7,959     | 8,873     | 10,381    | 11,075    | 11,101            |
| Louisiana              | 3,275   | 1,571   | NA                | 3,911     | 1,358     | 989       | 821       | 1,812     | 1,863     | 1,215     | 2,594             |
| Maine                  | 14,798  | 20,783  | NA                | 21,640    | 25,887    | 26,224    | 27,136    | 26,701    | 24,809    | 20,113    | 16,410            |
| Maryland               | 2,613   | 2,091   | NA                | 1,264     | 908       | 637       | 419       | 133       | 1,011     | 849       | 851               |
| Massachusetts          | 18,601  | 11,727  | NA                | 5,864     | 10,036    | 6,795     | 5,688     | 3,134     | 1,947     | 1,447     | 1,289             |
| Michigan               | 26,198  | 20,097  | NA                | 18,587    | 19,501    | 19,215    | 24,061    | 28,384    | 12,549    | 23,196    | 21,343            |
| Minnesota              | 834     | 832     | NA                | 1,058     | 521       | 356       | 322       | 512       | 1,353     | 2,264     | 8,280             |
| Mississippi            | 4,151   | 2,974   | NA                | 1,819     | 1,224     | 952       | 867       | 825       | 1,296     | 1,227     | 4,136             |
| Missouri               | 742     | 627     | NA                | 4,777     | 1,150     | 6,510     | 8,286     | 8,557     | 10,144    | 10,834    | 9,931             |
| Montana                | 988     | 1,909   | NA                | 1,676     | 1,539     | 2,014     | 2,174     | 1,790     | 1,611     | 1,800     | 2,135             |
| Nebraska               | 496     | 331     | NA                | 707       | 1,181     | 1,947     | 2,753     | 2,268     | 2,248     | 2,397     | 2,387             |
| Nevada                 | 708     | 640     | NA                | 117       | 3,284     | 3,577     | 3,763     | 6,029     | 7,151     | 8,514     | 6,926             |
| New Hampshire          | 1,312   | 1,246   | NA                | 1,315     | 1,374     | 827       | 757       | 440       | 120       | 89        | 147               |
| New Jersey             | 342     | 237     | NA                | 1,541     | 474       | 1,086     | 1,041     | 2,093     | 2,794     | 4,354     | 2,777             |
| New Mexico             | 12,277  | 9,171   | NA                | 7,894     | 7,552     | 3,157     | 2,750     | 3,476     | 2,241     | 4,023     | 10,503            |
| New York               | 327,123 | 346,089 | NA                | 199,181   | 53,961    | 41,683    | 43,245    | 58,410    | 42,010    | 34,341    | 34,246            |
| North Carolina         | 841     | 569     | NA                | 2,408     | 3,237     | 3,481     | 3,260     | 3,976     | 4,973     | 5,224     | 5,571             |
| North Dakota           | 355     | 220     | NA                | 1,446     | 1,026     | 1,220     | 2,035     | 2,446     | 2,789     | 3,220     | 4,903             |
| Northern Mariana Isls. | 0       | 0       | NA                | 1,475     | 3,891     | 225       | 105       | 890       | 1,641     | 1,883     | 1,477             |
| Ohio                   | 29,338  | 23,196  | NA                | 19,058    | 25,880    | 47,868    | 62,901    | 68,358    | 42,399    | 52,520    | 54,012            |
| Oklahoma               | 1,040   | 1,260   | NA                | 3,121     | 1,496     | 3,899     | 12,382    | 15,586    | 27,921    | 49,238    | 55,743            |
| Oregon                 | 8,043   | 7,862   | NA                | 5,901     | 4,863     | 8,335     | 7,857     | 7,819     | 9,146     | 17,610    | 22,421            |
| Pennsylvania           | 99,105  | 92,128  | NA                | 63,713    | 54,251    | 28,737    | 46,344    | 62,236    | 55,706    | 52,538    | 32,233            |
| Puerto Rico            | 4,116   | 3,640   | NA                | 3,870     | 1,783     | 1,210     | 1,356     | 8,408     | 9,653     | 11,811    | 15,320            |
| Rhode Island           | 2,728   | 2,100   | NA                | 1,766     | 1,565     | 1,375     | 784       | 446       | 267       | 188       | 206               |
| South Carolina         | 1,495   | 1,158   | NA                | 2,270     | 2,052     | 1,699     | 1,497     | 1,905     | 2,546     | 2,755     | 2,968             |
| South Dakota           | 369     | 221     | NA                | 2,330     | 1,698     | 2,099     | 4,228     | 6,504     | 4,194     | 4,071     | 13,683            |
| Tennessee              | 3,561   | 3,684   | NA                | 4,190     | 6,023     | 7,240     | 6,001     | 6,190     | 4,200     | 4,192     | 4,332             |
| Texas                  | 72,210  | 75,708  | NA                | 121,794   | 121,925   | 118,092   | 85,020    | 73,515    | 91,929    | 124,869   | 123,746           |
| Utah                   | 3,525   | 5,584   | NA                | 2,880     | 2,061     | 1,242     | 1,204     | 792       | 840       | 1,012     | 2,270             |
| Vermont                | 2,074   | 1,396   | NA                | 1,366     | 1,500     | 2,386     | 2,994     | 2,109     | 1,661     | 1,355     | 1,292             |
| Virgin Islands         | 35      | 13      | NA                | 199       | 106       | 100       | 76        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 34                |
| Virginia               | 15,847  | 14,428  | NA                | 10,261    | 7,702     | 4,619     | 2,945     | 727       | 2,586     | 2,589     | 2,311             |
| Washington             | 41,462  | 45,284  | NA                | 27,780    | 27,456    | 28,897    | 37,680    | 44,110    | 61,611    | 80,159    | 98,595            |
| West Virginia          | 657     | 997     | NA                | 488       | 865       | 759       | 483       | 399       | 853       | 879       | 985               |
| Wisconsin              | 28,209  | 21,937  | NA                | 25,933    | 27,187    | 20,404    | 21,460    | 22,271    | 23,592    | 31,915    | 30,501            |
| Wyoming                | 56      | 17      | NA                | 21        | 50        | 199       | 215       | 110       | 95        | 4,628     | 7,339             |
| Industry Total         | 823,679 | 808,354 | NA                | 2,195,417 | 1,834,766 | 1,691,905 | 1,693,615 | 1,686,669 | 1,675,590 | 1,710,922 | 1,739,958         |

NA - Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Beneficiary data were not collected in 1997.

<sup>2</sup> Beneficiaries reported for 2005 include true-ups through March 2006 for companies requesting reimbursement.

Source: Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

**Table 2.10**  
**Link Up Assistance Beneficiaries for Tribal and Non-Tribal Areas**  
**By State or Jurisdiction**

| State or Jurisdiction    | 2003       |        | 2004       |        | 2005       |        |
|--------------------------|------------|--------|------------|--------|------------|--------|
|                          | Non-Tribal | Tribal | Non-Tribal | Tribal | Non-Tribal | Tribal |
| Alabama                  | 992        | 0      | 832        | 0      | 1,670      | 0      |
| Alaska                   | 2,038      | 1,738  | 277        | 5,005  | 0          | 17,725 |
| American Samoa           | 19         | 0      | 8          | 0      | 37         | 0      |
| Arizona                  | 2,010      | 10,194 | 6,258      | 6,762  | 3,748      | 7,871  |
| Arkansas                 | 5,354      | 0      | 3,212      | 0      | 6,306      | 0      |
| California               | 1,089,784  | 0      | 1,001,396  | 1      | 956,578    | 9      |
| Colorado                 | 709        | 2      | 824        | 1      | 710        | 0      |
| Connecticut              | 4,779      | 0      | 4,976      | 0      | 4,709      | 0      |
| Delaware                 | 1,276      | 0      | 604        | 0      | 478        | 0      |
| District of Columbia     | 533        | 0      | 443        | 0      | 435        | 0      |
| Florida                  | 14,198     | 0      | 13,565     | 0      | 13,409     | 0      |
| Georgia                  | 5,363      | 0      | 5,815      | 0      | 8,671      | 0      |
| Guam                     | 1,240      | 0      | 1,093      | 0      | 945        | 0      |
| Hawaii                   | 1,966      | 0      | 739        | 0      | 548        | 0      |
| Idaho                    | 1,248      | 2      | 1,207      | 3      | 1,511      | 10     |
| Illinois                 | 39,453     | 0      | 46,337     | 0      | 49,996     | 0      |
| Indiana                  | 12,874     | 0      | 23,905     | 0      | 25,100     | 0      |
| Iowa                     | 3,459      | 0      | 3,441      | 0      | 20,635     | 0      |
| Kansas                   | 4,229      | 0      | 3,824      | 0      | 3,859      | 0      |
| Kentucky                 | 10,381     | 0      | 11,075     | 0      | 11,101     | 0      |
| Louisiana                | 1,863      | 0      | 1,215      | 0      | 2,594      | 0      |
| Maine                    | 24,757     | 52     | 20,074     | 39     | 16,383     | 27     |
| Maryland                 | 1,011      | 0      | 849        | 0      | 851        | 0      |
| Massachusetts            | 1,947      | 0      | 1,447      | 0      | 1,289      | 0      |
| Michigan                 | 12,528     | 21     | 23,165     | 31     | 21,309     | 34     |
| Minnesota                | 1,249      | 104    | 2,175      | 89     | 8,095      | 185    |
| Mississippi              | 1,296      | 0      | 1,227      | 0      | 4,132      | 4      |
| Missouri                 | 10,142     | 2      | 10,834     | 0      | 9,931      | 0      |
| Montana                  | 376        | 1,235  | 698        | 1,102  | 836        | 1,299  |
| Nebraska                 | 2,225      | 23     | 2,370      | 27     | 2,360      | 27     |
| Nevada                   | 7,146      | 5      | 8,510      | 4      | 6,925      | 1      |
| New Hampshire            | 120        | 0      | 89         | 0      | 147        | 0      |
| New Jersey               | 2,794      | 0      | 4,354      | 0      | 2,777      | 0      |
| New Mexico               | 1,139      | 1,102  | 2,072      | 1,951  | 4,569      | 5,934  |
| New York                 | 42,010     | 0      | 34,341     | 0      | 34,246     | 0      |
| North Carolina           | 4,973      | 0      | 5,224      | 0      | 5,571      | 0      |
| North Dakota             | 1,636      | 1,153  | 1,686      | 1,534  | 3,150      | 1,753  |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 1,641      | 0      | 1,883      | 0      | 1,477      | 0      |
| Ohio                     | 42,399     | 0      | 52,520     | 0      | 54,012     | 0      |
| Oklahoma                 | 26,002     | 1,919  | 30,136     | 19,102 | 16,605     | 39,138 |
| Oregon                   | 9,105      | 41     | 17,541     | 69     | 21,998     | 423    |
| Pennsylvania             | 55,706     | 0      | 52,538     | 0      | 32,233     | 0      |
| Puerto Rico              | 9,653      | 0      | 11,811     | 0      | 15,320     | 0      |
| Rhode Island             | 267        | 0      | 188        | 0      | 206        | 0      |
| South Carolina           | 2,546      | 0      | 2,755      | 0      | 2,968      | 0      |
| South Dakota             | 1,872      | 2,322  | 1,754      | 2,317  | 6,163      | 7,520  |
| Tennessee                | 4,200      | 0      | 4,192      | 0      | 4,332      | 0      |
| Texas                    | 91,926     | 3      | 124,868    | 1      | 123,746    | 0      |
| Utah                     | 800        | 40     | 978        | 34     | 2,175      | 95     |
| Vermont                  | 1,661      | 0      | 1,355      | 0      | 1,292      | 0      |
| Virgin Islands           | 0          | 0      | 0          | 0      | 34         | 0      |
| Virginia                 | 2,586      | 0      | 2,589      | 0      | 2,311      | 0      |
| Washington               | 59,301     | 2,310  | 77,284     | 2,875  | 94,273     | 4,322  |
| West Virginia            | 853        | 0      | 879        | 0      | 985        | 0      |
| Wisconsin                | 23,591     | 1      | 31,911     | 4      | 30,303     | 198    |
| Wyoming                  | 75         | 20     | 4,545      | 83     | 7,057      | 282    |
| Industry Total           | 1,653,301  | 22,289 | 1,669,888  | 41,034 | 1,653,101  | 86,857 |

Note: Beneficiaries reported for 2005 include true-ups through March 2006. Starting October 2000, low-income beneficiaries are listed as either tribal or non-tribal due to implementation of the *Tribal Order*.

Source: Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

**Table 2.11**  
**Link Up Assistance Annual Payments by State or Jurisdiction**

| <b>State or Jurisdiction</b> | <b>2001<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>2002<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>2003<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>2004<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>2005<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>Cumulative Total<sup>2</sup></b> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Alabama                      | \$27,515                | \$22,180                | \$16,611                | \$15,635                | \$30,194                | \$466,074                           |
| Alaska                       | 47,669                  | 81,147                  | 91,378                  | 113,360                 | 332,359                 | 443,235                             |
| American Samoa               | 1,956                   | 1,230                   | 570                     | 540                     | 1,110                   | 12,216                              |
| Arizona                      | 307,747                 | 374,097                 | 265,619                 | 281,403                 | 242,689                 | 1,564,880                           |
| Arkansas                     | 52,138                  | 112,057                 | 102,083                 | 60,478                  | 129,457                 | 2,556,095                           |
| California                   | 20,047,387              | 18,484,295              | 18,441,637              | 17,155,887              | 17,295,177              | 147,722,755                         |
| Colorado                     | 20,066                  | 12,065                  | 12,311                  | 14,409                  | 12,261                  | 400,439                             |
| Connecticut                  | 94,487                  | 118,412                 | 143,370                 | 149,280                 | 141,270                 | 3,013,944                           |
| Delaware                     | 8,100                   | 26,284                  | 18,942                  | 8,456                   | 6,692                   | 81,840                              |
| District of Columbia         | 0                       | 644                     | 5,599                   | 4,656                   | 4,570                   | 201,563                             |
| Florida                      | 223,911                 | 292,461                 | 326,409                 | 317,723                 | 316,350                 | 2,554,174                           |
| Georgia                      | 70,534                  | 93,181                  | 133,609                 | 146,210                 | 210,580                 | 3,615,017                           |
| Guam                         | 19,129                  | 24,362                  | 21,704                  | 16,697                  | 16,540                  | 111,492                             |
| Hawaii                       | 200,713                 | 133,663                 | 44,698                  | 16,815                  | 12,439                  | 1,242,276                           |
| Idaho                        | 22,059                  | 15,363                  | 18,495                  | 18,124                  | 23,426                  | 205,582                             |
| Illinois                     | 753,951                 | 955,318                 | 935,326                 | 1,032,551               | 1,080,160               | 7,879,788                           |
| Indiana                      | 313,960                 | 511,391                 | 344,028                 | 575,242                 | 601,696                 | 2,772,060                           |
| Iowa                         | 23,038                  | 42,289                  | 55,770                  | 56,508                  | 462,014                 | 968,154                             |
| Kansas                       | 72,008                  | 66,607                  | 82,612                  | 76,470                  | 68,476                  | 549,084                             |
| Kentucky                     | 143,622                 | 165,491                 | 223,947                 | 242,838                 | 237,798                 | 3,410,433                           |
| Louisiana                    | 17,061                  | 36,209                  | 35,935                  | 24,083                  | 51,657                  | 2,996,040                           |
| Maine                        | 602,776                 | 594,002                 | 549,705                 | 444,833                 | 358,845                 | 6,668,118                           |
| Maryland                     | 10,047                  | 3,174                   | 24,264                  | 20,376                  | 20,424                  | 706,943                             |
| Massachusetts                | 38,395                  | 21,157                  | 13,147                  | 9,820                   | 8,712                   | 2,186,456                           |
| Michigan                     | 502,411                 | 590,706                 | 275,032                 | 478,470                 | 437,188                 | 7,993,400                           |
| Minnesota                    | 3,585                   | 5,934                   | 18,522                  | 29,157                  | 155,911                 | 237,784                             |
| Mississippi                  | 19,224                  | 17,698                  | 26,570                  | 26,369                  | 93,157                  | 628,652                             |
| Missouri                     | 147,708                 | 151,116                 | 185,569                 | 188,251                 | 178,043                 | 1,101,061                           |
| Montana                      | 34,957                  | 30,137                  | 26,888                  | 26,474                  | 31,612                  | 440,725                             |
| Nebraska                     | 40,330                  | 31,033                  | 32,421                  | 34,782                  | 36,518                  | 276,962                             |
| Nevada                       | 64,019                  | 102,327                 | 120,774                 | 143,673                 | 116,794                 | 633,350                             |
| New Hampshire                | 14,716                  | 8,554                   | 2,253                   | 1,580                   | 2,716                   | 350,129                             |
| New Jersey                   | 21,999                  | 44,251                  | 59,176                  | 92,202                  | 58,817                  | 396,663                             |
| New Mexico                   | 38,356                  | 56,291                  | 42,364                  | 63,486                  | 192,714                 | 1,884,542                           |
| New York                     | 1,185,878               | 1,612,501               | 1,117,775               | 938,493                 | 880,986                 | 70,551,032                          |
| North Carolina               | 56,619                  | 69,270                  | 98,188                  | 110,308                 | 118,402                 | 929,791                             |
| North Dakota                 | 33,642                  | 38,910                  | 73,528                  | 83,376                  | 148,106                 | 355,073                             |
| Northern Mariana Islands     | 7,749                   | 6,324                   | 7,431                   | 12,569                  | 8,811                   | 60,274                              |
| Ohio                         | 1,090,935               | 1,203,721               | 719,228                 | 908,070                 | 930,351                 | 9,817,436                           |
| Oklahoma                     | 218,420                 | 294,455                 | 603,635                 | 1,246,959               | 1,539,653               | 2,730,415                           |
| Oregon                       | 69,616                  | 78,192                  | 87,391                  | 267,695                 | 375,893                 | 1,050,960                           |
| Pennsylvania                 | 916,298                 | 1,241,723               | 1,118,248               | 1,053,627               | 947,188                 | 22,279,854                          |
| Puerto Rico                  | 27,120                  | 156,135                 | 201,275                 | 294,859                 | 371,969                 | 1,417,265                           |
| Rhode Island                 | 13,266                  | 7,547                   | 4,517                   | 3,181                   | 3,486                   | 341,382                             |
| South Carolina               | 28,566                  | 36,418                  | 47,773                  | 50,088                  | 52,791                  | 699,995                             |
| South Dakota                 | 126,269                 | 258,528                 | 145,754                 | 172,957                 | 590,899                 | 853,665                             |
| Tennessee                    | 121,506                 | 119,802                 | 80,560                  | 77,383                  | 77,390                  | 1,425,862                           |
| Texas                        | 1,620,398               | 1,384,322               | 1,778,422               | 2,371,664               | 2,365,303               | 23,574,118                          |
| Utah                         | 14,875                  | 10,005                  | 10,640                  | 22,345                  | 32,121                  | 618,601                             |
| Vermont                      | 46,478                  | 30,045                  | 23,622                  | 19,101                  | 18,185                  | 457,572                             |
| Virgin Islands               | 718                     | 0                       | 393                     | 235                     | 570                     | 12,424                              |
| Virginia                     | 55,042                  | 12,252                  | 48,177                  | 48,494                  | 55,124                  | 2,913,064                           |
| Washington                   | 571,379                 | 645,987                 | 1,052,671               | 1,588,317               | 1,845,305               | 9,493,758                           |
| West Virginia                | 8,300                   | 6,308                   | 16,811                  | 16,827                  | 18,166                  | 285,675                             |
| Wisconsin                    | 571,356                 | 590,955                 | 761,456                 | 852,145                 | 764,795                 | 8,264,078                           |
| Wyoming                      | 4,016                   | 2,027                   | 1,893                   | 116,838                 | 184,877                 | 152,330                             |
| <b>Industry Total</b>        | <b>\$30,794,020</b>     | <b>\$31,030,553</b>     | <b>\$30,696,726</b>     | <b>\$32,142,369</b>     | <b>\$34,298,737</b>     | <b>\$364,556,550</b>                |

<sup>1</sup> Dollars reported include true-ups through March 2006 for companies requesting reimbursement.

<sup>2</sup> Cumulative total reflects data collected from 1987 through 2004. For historical Link Up assistance annual payments, refer to earlier publications of the Monitoring Report at <http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/iatd/monitor.html>.

Source: Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

**Table 2.12**  
**Low-Income Average Benefits by State or Jurisdiction**

| State or Jurisdiction    | Lifeline per Month |         |         |         |         |         | Link Up per Connection |         |            |         |            |         |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
|                          | 2003               |         | 2004    |         | 2005    |         | 2003                   |         | 2004       |         | 2005       |         |
|                          | General            | Tribal  | General | Tribal  | General | Tribal  | Non-Tribal             | Tribal  | Non-Tribal | Tribal  | Non-Tribal | Tribal  |
| Alabama                  | \$10.18            | -       | \$9.88  | \$4.42  | \$9.87  | \$5.42  | \$16.74                | -       | 18.79      | -       | 18.08      | -       |
| Alaska                   | 10.36              | 7.01    | 10.28   | 7.70    | 10.61   | 12.95   | 22.34                  | 26.38   | 17.01      | 21.71   | -          | 18.75   |
| American Samoa           | 7.96               | -       | 8.20    | -       | 8.25    | -       | 30.00                  | -       | 67.50      | -       | 30.00      | -       |
| Arizona                  | 9.36               | 21.86   | 9.63    | 21.96   | 9.60    | 21.76   | 28.15                  | 20.51   | 22.37      | 20.91   | 23.12      | 19.82   |
| Arkansas                 | 7.78               | -       | 7.86    | -       | 7.80    | 3.92    | 19.07                  | -       | 18.83      | -       | 20.53      | -       |
| California               | 7.84               | 5.04    | 7.89    | 5.08    | 7.63    | 5.33    | 16.92                  | -       | 17.13      | 7.00    | 18.08      | 9.56    |
| Colorado                 | 9.76               | 10.77   | 9.99    | 10.40   | 9.95    | 10.99   | 17.31                  | 18.00   | 17.46      | 18.00   | 17.27      | -       |
| Connecticut              | 8.11               | -       | 8.08    | -       | 8.06    | -       | 30.00                  | -       | 30.00      | -       | 30.00      | -       |
| Delaware                 | 9.05               | -       | 8.20    | -       | 8.18    | -       | 14.84                  | -       | 14.00      | -       | 14.00      | -       |
| District of Columbia     | 7.36               | -       | 7.21    | -       | 7.35    | -       | 10.50                  | -       | 10.51      | -       | 10.51      | -       |
| Florida                  | 9.47               | -       | 9.78    | -       | 9.62    | 7.17    | 22.99                  | -       | 23.42      | -       | 23.59      | -       |
| Georgia                  | 9.58               | -       | 9.82    | -       | 9.86    | -       | 24.91                  | -       | 25.14      | -       | 24.29      | -       |
| Guam                     | 9.76               | -       | 9.99    | -       | 10.00   | -       | 17.50                  | -       | 15.28      | -       | 17.50      | -       |
| Hawaii                   | 7.86               | -       | 8.19    | -       | 8.24    | -       | 22.74                  | -       | 22.75      | -       | 22.70      | -       |
| Idaho                    | 9.81               | 12.57   | 9.98    | 14.28   | 9.93    | 16.91   | 14.80                  | 14.50   | 14.98      | 14.33   | 15.30      | 31.40   |
| Illinois                 | 7.50               | -       | 6.76    | -       | 6.66    | -       | 23.71                  | -       | 22.28      | -       | 21.60      | -       |
| Indiana                  | 7.52               | -       | 7.52    | -       | 7.53    | -       | 26.72                  | -       | 24.06      | -       | 23.97      | -       |
| Iowa                     | 7.22               | 10.88   | 7.31    | 19.04   | 7.31    | 19.92   | 16.12                  | -       | 16.42      | -       | 22.39      | -       |
| Kansas                   | 8.83               | 0.89    | 9.08    | 4.67    | 9.09    | 5.38    | 19.53                  | -       | 20.00      | -       | 17.74      | -       |
| Kentucky                 | 9.20               | -       | 9.25    | -       | 9.26    | -       | 21.57                  | -       | 21.93      | -       | 21.42      | -       |
| Louisiana                | 7.90               | -       | 8.06    | -       | 7.71    | 20.54   | 19.29                  | -       | 19.82      | -       | 19.91      | -       |
| Maine                    | 9.73               | 6.91    | 9.89    | 6.88    | 9.88    | 6.91    | 22.16                  | 22.40   | 22.12      | 22.41   | 21.87      | 22.44   |
| Maryland                 | 9.22               | -       | 9.22    | -       | 9.17    | -       | 24.00                  | -       | 24.00      | -       | 24.00      | -       |
| Massachusetts            | 9.71               | 7.09    | 9.92    | 7.25    | 9.89    | 8.00    | 6.75                   | -       | 6.79       | -       | 6.76       | -       |
| Michigan                 | 8.25               | 15.17   | 8.26    | 15.21   | 8.28    | 15.27   | 21.93                  | 11.00   | 20.64      | 11.00   | 20.50      | 11.03   |
| Minnesota                | 7.50               | 7.90    | 7.95    | 9.19    | 7.76    | 9.81    | 12.18                  | 31.79   | 12.10      | 31.80   | 18.76      | 21.91   |
| Mississippi              | 9.52               | -       | 9.76    | -       | 9.68    | 20.83   | 20.50                  | -       | 21.49      | -       | 22.53      | 18.00   |
| Missouri                 | 7.49               | 2.79    | 7.72    | 2.54    | 8.58    | 2.83    | 18.29                  | 21.00   | 17.38      | -       | 17.93      | -       |
| Montana                  | 9.51               | 10.78   | 9.80    | 11.77   | 9.65    | 16.16   | 15.71                  | 16.99   | 13.21      | 15.65   | 12.80      | 16.10   |
| Nebraska                 | 8.89               | 15.61   | 8.89    | 15.41   | 8.90    | 14.72   | 14.28                  | 28.00   | 14.35      | 28.81   | 15.15      | 28.00   |
| Nevada                   | 7.93               | 5.65    | 7.82    | 5.72    | 7.63    | 5.85    | 16.88                  | 23.60   | 16.86      | 55.25   | 16.86      | 60.00   |
| New Hampshire            | 7.99               | -       | 8.18    | -       | 8.15    | -       | 18.78                  | -       | 17.75      | -       | 18.48      | -       |
| New Jersey               | 9.52               | -       | 9.73    | -       | 9.73    | -       | 21.18                  | -       | 21.18      | -       | 21.18      | -       |
| New Mexico               | 9.64               | 15.27   | 9.92    | 16.98   | 9.93    | 20.41   | 22.52                  | 15.16   | 14.28      | 17.37   | 17.09      | 19.32   |
| New York                 | 9.64               | 7.43    | 9.68    | 9.67    | 9.61    | 9.42    | 26.61                  | -       | 27.33      | -       | 25.73      | -       |
| North Carolina           | 9.66               | 10.92   | 9.75    | 8.13    | 9.65    | 8.95    | 19.74                  | -       | 21.12      | -       | 21.25      | -       |
| North Dakota             | 8.61               | 8.93    | 9.16    | 16.02   | 9.02    | 17.80   | 15.39                  | 41.94   | 15.81      | 36.98   | 17.98      | 52.18   |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 7.52               | -       | 8.25    | -       | 8.25    | -       | 4.53                   | -       | 6.67       | -       | 5.97       | -       |
| Ohio                     | 8.57               | -       | 8.82    | -       | 9.00    | -       | 16.96                  | -       | 17.29      | -       | 17.22      | -       |
| Oklahoma                 | 7.51               | 10.15   | 7.55    | 11.11   | 7.62    | 13.16   | 22.41                  | 10.97   | 21.75      | 30.96   | 21.84      | 30.07   |
| Oregon                   | 9.88               | 9.95    | 9.92    | 10.73   | 10.00   | 15.37   | 9.53                   | 15.07   | 14.95      | 80.12   | 15.25      | 95.44   |
| Pennsylvania             | 8.35               | -       | 8.35    | -       | 8.19    | -       | 20.07                  | -       | 20.05      | -       | 29.39      | -       |
| Puerto Rico              | 9.67               | -       | 9.92    | -       | 9.93    | -       | 20.85                  | -       | 24.96      | -       | 24.28      | -       |
| Rhode Island             | 9.40               | -       | 9.84    | -       | 9.81    | -       | 16.92                  | -       | 16.92      | -       | 16.92      | -       |
| South Carolina           | 9.54               | 10.60   | 9.89    | 11.92   | 9.80    | 12.26   | 18.76                  | -       | 18.18      | -       | 17.79      | -       |
| South Dakota             | 7.35               | 17.56   | 8.08    | 18.53   | 7.91    | 20.71   | 12.56                  | 52.64   | 12.18      | 65.43   | 19.58      | 62.53   |
| Tennessee                | 9.34               | -       | 9.53    | -       | 9.48    | -       | 19.18                  | -       | 18.46      | -       | 17.86      | -       |
| Texas                    | 8.77               | 2.46    | 8.93    | 0.98    | 8.92    | 1.94    | 19.35                  | 19.00   | 18.99      | 19.00   | 19.11      | -       |
| Utah                     | 9.89               | 7.69    | 9.92    | 11.84   | 9.86    | 9.94    | 12.40                  | 18.03   | 20.60      | 64.65   | 13.64      | 25.91   |
| Vermont                  | 9.72               | -       | 9.72    | -       | 9.82    | -       | 14.22                  | -       | 14.10      | -       | 14.08      | -       |
| Virgin Islands           | -                  | -       | -       | -       | 11.43   | -       | -                      | -       | -          | -       | 16.76      | -       |
| Virginia                 | 9.24               | -       | 9.12    | -       | 9.18    | -       | 18.63                  | -       | 18.73      | -       | 23.85      | -       |
| Washington               | 8.85               | 22.88   | 8.86    | 23.06   | 8.84    | 23.28   | 17.17                  | 14.93   | 19.02      | 41.10   | 18.32      | 27.28   |
| West Virginia            | 8.99               | -       | 9.54    | -       | 9.61    | 16.58   | 19.71                  | -       | 19.14      | -       | 18.44      | -       |
| Wisconsin                | 7.83               | 9.65    | 7.62    | 10.07   | 7.86    | 12.92   | 32.28                  | 52.00   | 26.70      | 20.50   | 25.14      | 15.00   |
| Wyoming                  | 9.76               | 22.21   | 8.93    | 21.46   | 9.91    | 19.83   | 19.25                  | 22.45   | 24.26      | 79.17   | 22.62      | 89.62   |
| Industry Total           | \$8.44             | \$13.68 | \$8.53  | \$14.41 | \$8.40  | \$16.09 | \$18.25                | \$23.61 | \$18.51    | \$30.18 | \$19.20    | \$29.45 |

Source: Lifeline payments (Table 2.4) divided by subscribers (Table 2.7) and divided by 12 (months).

Link Up payments (Table 2.4) divided by beneficiaries (Table 2.10).

Note: Rates and benefits vary by company within each state or jurisdiction. Tribal Lifeline rates are just for Tier 4 payments. Tribal Lifeline subscribers also qualify for Tier 1 to 3 support, which is included in General.

### 3. High-Cost Support

The high-cost support mechanisms enable areas with very high costs to recover some of these costs from the federal universal service fund, leaving a smaller remainder of the costs to be recovered through end-user rates or state universal service support mechanisms. In this manner, the high-cost support mechanisms are intended to hold down rates and thereby further one of the most important goals of federal and state regulation -- the preservation and advancement of universal telephone service. This section of the report outlines the high-cost support mechanisms and provides data for these mechanisms. The high-cost support mechanisms include embedded high-cost loop support (HCLS),<sup>1</sup> safety net additive support, safety valve support, forward-looking non-rural high-cost model support (HCMS), interstate common line support (ICLS)<sup>2</sup> for rate-of-return carriers, interstate access support (IAS) for price-cap carriers, and local switching support (LSS). Table 3.1 summarizes the annual amounts for the high-cost support mechanisms for 1986 through 2006.<sup>3</sup> It is based on information provided by the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) through 1997 and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) since 1998. Support amounts for 2006 are projected, based on USAC's third quarter filing.<sup>4</sup> Support amounts are subject to adjustment if data are corrected in future periods.

Competitive carriers are eligible to receive support from the universal service support mechanisms provided that they provide service using their own facilities, either partially or completely. Thus, pure resellers are not eligible. To be eligible to receive support, a carrier must be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) by the state regulatory commission of the state in which it operates, or by the FCC where the state commission lacks

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1 This was formerly referred to as the Universal Service Fund, and still bears that name in the Commission rules. It is now referred to as high-cost loop support to avoid confusion with the new, more comprehensive universal service support mechanisms that the Commission developed to implement the 1996 Act. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 36.601. *See also* 47 C.F.R. Part 54.

2 Effective July 1, 2004, long term support (LTS) was merged into ICLS.

3 The 2006 numbers are based on the assumption that fourth quarter projections will be the same as those for the third quarter. The numbers for prior years reflect actual payments. Except for ICLS and LSS, for which final true-ups are available through 2004, the actual support amounts for a given year contain adjustments for prior years. USAC now makes these amounts available on their website on a monthly basis, beginning with 2003. Actual support amounts for earlier years were provided to us by special request.

4 Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanism Fund Size Projections (USAC Filing) for the Third Quarter 2006* (May 2, 2006).

jurisdiction.<sup>5</sup> A competitive carrier that is designated as an ETC will receive high-cost support that is determined by the number of lines it serves, the support per line received by the incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) against which it is competing, and the degree to which it uses its own facilities to provide its services.<sup>6</sup> Table 3.2 compares the annual amounts of support received by ILECs and by competitive ETCs (CETCs) for each support mechanism since the first CETC started receiving support in 1999.<sup>7</sup>

Historically, HCLS was provided to all ILECs based on their embedded costs. Such support provides assistance for non-traffic sensitive (NTS) local loop costs -- a term that refers to the costs of outside telephone wires, poles, and other facilities that link each telephone customer's premises to the public switched telephone network. NTS costs are allocated between the state and interstate jurisdictions because all local loops can be used for making and receiving both intrastate and interstate telephone calls. Historically, the interstate allocation was made using the Subscriber Plant Factor (SPF).<sup>8</sup> This factor is now 25% for all companies. Today, only rural carriers<sup>9</sup> receive HCLS. Non-rural carriers receive HCMS instead of HCLS.

If an ILEC is deemed a rural carrier, it continues to receive high-cost support based on embedded costs. The expense adjustment allows those study areas<sup>10</sup> with an average unseparated cost per loop that exceeds 115% of the national average to allocate an additional portion of their NTS costs to the interstate jurisdiction and to have those costs recovered by HCLS.<sup>11</sup> Table 3.3

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5 47 C.F.R. § 54.201.

6 47 C.F.R. § 54.307.

7 The data for 2006 are projections. USAC's quarterly filings include projections of support for competitive carriers that have applied for, but not yet received, ETC status. These support amounts have been removed from the 2006 data reported here if the carrier failed to attain ETC status by the time of the filing for the Third Quarter 2006.

8 The Subscriber Plant Factor is defined in section 36.154(e) of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 36.154(e). It was frozen in 1981 and then transitioned to 25% between 1985 and 1993, subject to the limitations in section 36.154(f) of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 36.154(f).

9 See 47 C.F.R. § 51.5 for the definition of a rural carrier. Generally, they either have fewer than 100,000 lines or serve predominantly rural areas.

10 A study area is usually an operating company's operations in one state. Holding companies may own multiple operating companies and thus have multiple study areas in a state. Study area boundaries were frozen as of November 15, 1984. Any subsequent change requires a Commission waiver of this freeze.

11 In January 1988, high-cost assistance was retargeted to increase benefits to small and medium sized LECs. The old and new high-cost formulas are compared in Table 3.1 of

shows the percentages of additional NTS costs recovered by HCLS.<sup>12</sup> HCLS was implemented during a period in which the basic interstate allocation of loop costs was shifted from a level based on the historical SPF to the present flat allocation factor of 25%. Both of these changes were phased in between 1985 and 1993, during which time the HCLS was increased by one-eighth of the formula amount each year.

In December 1993, the Commission, at the recommendation of the Joint Board in CC Docket 80-286, imposed a cap on HCLS payments.<sup>13</sup> The cap was indexed to the rate of growth in the national total of working exchange loops. It is implemented by adjusting the national average cost per loop used to calculate each study area's high-cost assistance (using the current formula from Table 3.3) from the average value to whatever base value is required to achieve the cap. For example, in 2003, the cap was achieved by adjusting the base value 2001 cost per loop from the national average of \$240.00 to \$267.15. In addition, when exchanges are sold or transferred to another company, the new owner is limited to the same support for those exchanges that they had under the old owner.<sup>14</sup>

The Commission modified the high-cost support mechanism to provide additional support to rural carriers on May 23, 2001.<sup>15</sup> Implementation of the modified support mechanism

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released May 30, 1997.

- 12 For example, suppose the national average cost per loop is \$240 and a company with 10,000 loops has a cost per loop of \$420, or 175% of the national average. Then for the portion of their costs between \$276 (115% of the national average) and \$360 (150% of the national average) they would receive 65% of those costs [.65 times (\$360 - \$276) = \$54.60], plus they would receive 75% of their costs over \$360 [.75 times (\$420 - \$360) = \$45], resulting in HCLS totaling \$99.60 per loop, or \$996,000 total support.
- 13 *Amendment of Part 36 of the Commission's Rules and Establishment of a Joint Board*, CC Docket No. 80-286, Report and Order, 9 FCC Rcd 303 (1993).
- 14 47 C.F.R. § 54.305. This applies to sales and transfers initiated after May 7, 1997. In August 2000, the Common Carrier Bureau adopted an order removing similar older caps for individual study areas that were subject to them at that time, effective January 1, 2000. *Petitions for Waiver Concerning the Definition of "Study Area" Contained in Part 36 Appendix-Glossary of the Commission's Rules*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order, 15 FCC Rcd 23491 (2000).
- 15 *See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 00-256, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, 16 FCC Rcd 11244 (2001) (*Rural Task Force Order*).



began July 1, 2001 and was recently extended beyond the originally anticipated five year period.<sup>16</sup> The Commission rebased the HCLS fund for rural carriers, revised the corporate operations expense limitation formula,<sup>17</sup> and modified the indexed cap. Accordingly, beginning July 1, 2001, the caps for non-rural hold-harmless and rural HCLS are calculated separately.<sup>18</sup> For rural carriers, the national average annual loop cost is now frozen at \$240.00 and the cap is indexed to the rate of growth in working loops of rural carriers plus the rate of inflation as measured by the Gross Domestic Product – Chained Price Index (GDP-CPI).<sup>19</sup> The Commission adjusted the rural HCLS cap by changing the base year for the calculations to 2000 for purposes of recalculating the cap for 2002 and subsequent years.<sup>20</sup>

To encourage new investment in rural infrastructure, safety net additive support was made available for rural carriers whose telephone plant in service per loop increased by over 14% in one year.<sup>21</sup> In such cases, this additional loop support equals the difference between what the rural carrier's HCLS would have been uncapped and what it is capped in the qualifying year less the difference between the uncapped and capped amounts in the base year. For new sales or transfers of rural exchanges, the acquiring carrier is required to keep separate cost information for the acquired exchanges to determine the eligible support for those exchanges. Safety valve support is available for new investments in infrastructure made in the acquired exchanges.<sup>22</sup>

If a carrier is deemed to be a non-rural carrier, it now receives high-cost support based on forward-looking costs, as estimated by an FCC cost model. The Commission adopted a new

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16 See *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 05-337, Order, 21 FCC Rcd 5514 (2006), extending rules until the Commission adopts new high-cost support rules for rural carriers.

17 Previously, in 1997, the Commission had adopted limitations on the amount of allowed corporate operations expense. The limitations are specified in section 36.621(a)(4) of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 36.621(a)(4).

18 47 C.F.R. §§ 36.602 and 36.603. See page 3–6 below for a discussion of hold-harmless.

19 This replaces the indexing of the cap to the rate of growth of the national total of working exchange loops.

20 See *Rural Task Force Order; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 00-256, Order on Reconsideration, 17 FCC Rcd 11472 (2002) (*Rebasing Order*).

21 See 47 C.F.R. § 36.605.

22 See 47 C.F.R. § 54.305(d)-(f).

high-cost support mechanism for non-rural carriers on October 21, 1999, based on recommendations from the Joint Board.<sup>23</sup> This HCMS mechanism is based on the forward-looking costs of providing supported services<sup>24</sup> as determined by the Commission's cost model.<sup>25</sup> For each state, the cost model calculates the wire center forward-looking cost per line incurred by non-rural carriers to provide supported services. The statewide average cost per line is then compared to the national average cost per line to determine eligibility for support. The forward-looking support mechanism provides support to non-rural carriers in those states that have a statewide average forward-looking cost per line greater than the national benchmark, which initially was set at 135 percent of the national average forward-looking cost per line. Beginning in 2004, this benchmark is now two standard deviations above the national average.<sup>26</sup>

After determining the total amount of forward-looking support provided to non-rural carriers in a particular state, the support is then targeted to individual wire centers that have

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- 23     *See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Ninth Report and Order and Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration, 14 FCC Rcd 20432 (1999) (*High-Cost Methodology Order*), *rev'd in part and remanded*, *Qwest Corp. v. FCC*, 258 F.3d 1191 (10<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2001), *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order on Remand, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Memorandum Opinion and Order, 18 FCC Rcd 22559 (2003) (*Order on Remand*), *remanded*, *Qwest Corp. v. FCC*, 398 F.3d 1222 (10<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2005).
- 24     The services eligible for federal universal service support are listed in section 54.101 of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 54.101.
- 25     The new cost model consists of: (1) a model platform, which contains a series of fixed assumptions about network design and engineering; and (2) input values for the model platform, such as the cost of network components, *e.g.*, cables and switches, as well as various capital cost parameters. The Commission adopted the model platform in the *Platform Order* released in October 1998. *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Forward-Looking Mechanism for High-Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-160, Fifth Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 21323 (1998) (*Platform Order*). The Commission adopted input values in the *Inputs Order* released in November 1999. *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Forward-Looking Mechanism for High-Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-160, Tenth Report and Order, 14 FCC Rcd 20156 (1999) (*Inputs Order*).
- 26     *High-Cost Methodology Order*, 14 FCC Rcd 20432 at paras. 10 and 55. The forward-looking support mechanism provides support for all intrastate costs that exceed the benchmark. *High-Cost Methodology Order*, at paras. 60-63. In October 2003, the Commission adopted an order modifying the national benchmark. *Order on Remand*, at paras. 49-69.

forward-looking costs in excess of the benchmark.<sup>27</sup> Under the targeting approach, the amount of support provided to a non-rural carrier serving a particular wire center depends on the relative costs in that wire center and the number of lines served by the carrier. By comparing the relative costs in various above-benchmark wire centers, the targeting approach enables the Commission to provide greater amounts of support to carriers serving lines in wire centers with costs further above the benchmark. Thus, unlike providing a uniform per line statewide support amount, the targeting approach provides support in an amount commensurate with the cost of service, thereby encouraging carriers to serve high-cost areas.

The Commission also adopted a transitional “hold-harmless” measure to prevent rate shocks and disruptions in state rate designs when the new mechanism took effect. As adopted, no non-rural telephone company would receive less support than it received under the embedded HCLS mechanisms during the transition period. On December 8, 2000, the Commission adopted measures to phase down interim hold-harmless support, through \$1.00 reductions in average monthly per-line embedded HCLS, beginning January 1, 2001, and every year thereafter until there is no more interim embedded hold-harmless HCLS.<sup>28</sup> That point has now been reached.

LTS was related to interstate non-traffic sensitive costs. LTS provided support to the members of the NECA common line pool, allowing them to charge a below-cost carrier common line (CCL) rate that was uniform for all companies in the pool. Prior to 1989, all ILECs were required to be part of the NECA common line (CL) pool, and CCL rates were uniform nationwide. On April 1, 1989, companies were permitted to withdraw from the NECA CL pool and provide jurisdictionally specific CCL access charges; however, carriers had to remain in the pool to receive LTS.<sup>29</sup>

Nationwide pool results provided by NECA for 2005 are shown in Tables 3.4 and 3.5. Table 3.4 summarizes the CL pool revenues and expenses for the year 2005, as well as a comparison with the corresponding figures for 2004. Table 3.5 has comparable figures for NECA's traffic sensitive pool.

To reduce disparities in CCL rates among ILECs after companies were permitted to withdraw from the CL pool, LTS was set up. LTS originally consisted of payments to the NECA CL pool from companies that withdrew from the NECA CL pool. Companies remaining in the NECA pool charge CCL rates, pursuant to the NECA tariff, which were formerly equal to the

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27 *High-Cost Methodology Order*, at paras. 68-76.

28 *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Thirteenth Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 15 FCC Rcd 24422 (2000).

29 See previous *Monitoring Reports* for a detailed list of which companies are no longer in the NECA CL pool.

average CCL rate of the price-cap companies. Effective January 1, 1998, the funds for LTS came from the federal universal service support mechanisms, and LTS was portable to CETCs. At the same time, the NECA pool rate no longer was made equal to the average price-cap rate. Rather, the amount of LTS that a NECA pool member was eligible to receive in 1998 was the 1997 level of LTS (the difference between 1997 CCL revenue requirements and the sum of 1997 CCL revenues using the NECA pool rate and 1997 subscriber line charge revenues) multiplied by the rate of growth of the national average NTS cost per loop. The 1999 level of LTS was similarly adjusted from the 1998 level by the national average loop cost growth rate. Beginning January 1, 2000, LTS was adjusted for inflation to reflect the annual percentage change in the GDP-CPI.<sup>30</sup> After the implementation of ICLS (see below), the Commission determined that it was necessary to reduce LTS for some carriers to prevent over earning by those carriers whose ICLS would otherwise have fallen below zero.<sup>31</sup> Effective July 1, 2004, LTS was merged into ICLS.<sup>32</sup>

In response to the 1996 Act, the Commission also has removed implicit support from interstate access charges. In November 2001, the Commission created the ICLS mechanism for rate-of-return carriers to convert implicit support in the access rate structure to explicit, portable support.<sup>33</sup> ICLS recovers any shortfall between the allowed common line revenues of rate-of-return carriers and their subscriber line charge revenues and gradually replaces the carrier common line charge. Under the *MAG Order*, the ICLS mechanism was implemented beginning on July 1, 2002.

On May 31, 2000, the Commission established an explicit interstate access support (IAS) mechanism for price-cap carriers to replace the implicit support previously collected through

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30 See 47 C.F.R. § 54.303.

31 See *Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket Nos. 00-256, 96-45, Order and Second Order on Reconsideration, 17 FCC Rcd 11593 (2002) (*MAG Reconsideration Order*).

32 See *Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket Nos. 00-256, 96-45, Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 19 FCC Rcd 4122 (2004).

33 *Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 00-256, Fifteenth Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-45, 16 FCC Rcd 19613 (2001) (*MAG Order*).

interstate access charges.<sup>34</sup> Like LTS and ICLS, the purpose of this mechanism is to provide explicit support to ensure reasonably affordable interstate rates. This is in contrast to the Commission's other high-cost support mechanisms, which provide support to enable states to ensure reasonably affordable and comparable intrastate rates. The IAS mechanism provides support to carriers serving lines in areas where they are unable to recover their permitted revenues from the subscriber line charges. The support total is an aggregate annual amount of approximately \$650 million. Support is targeted to the density zones that have the greatest need for it, and is provided on a portable, per-line basis. It is available on a competitively neutral basis to any ETC serving a supported customer, regardless of the technology used by that carrier.

LSS provides support for traffic sensitive local switching costs. LSS provides support to ILECs with study areas of 50,000 or fewer access lines, to help defray the higher switching costs of small ILECs. The LSS is recovered through the universal service support mechanisms, rather than through higher traffic-sensitive access charges. Until 1997, this support was implicitly included in those access charges, based on dial equipment minute (DEM) weighting.<sup>35</sup> The portion of these costs that were normally allocated to interstate was determined by the ratio of interstate to total dial equipment minutes, known as the DEM factor. However, ILEC study areas with 50,000 access lines or fewer had that portion multiplied by a weighting factor, which was determined by the number of access lines in the study area.<sup>36</sup> The resulting weighted DEM factor (which was not permitted to exceed .85) allowed these study areas to recover a greater portion of their local switching costs from interexchange carriers in the form of higher access charges.<sup>37</sup>

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34 *Access Charge Reform, Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers, Low-Volume Long Distance Users, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, Sixth Report and Order in CC Docket Nos. 96-262 and 94-1, Report and Order in CC Docket No. 99-249, Eleventh Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-45, 15 FCC Rcd 12962 (2000) (*CALLS Order*), *rev'd and remanded*, *Texas Office of Public Utility Counsel v. FCC*, 265 F. 3d 313 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2001), and *Access Charge Reform*, CC Docket No. 96-262, *Price Cap Performance Review for LECs*, CC Docket No. 94-1, *Low-Volume Long Distance Users*, CC Docket No. 99-249, *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order on Remand, 18 FCC Rcd 14976 (2003).

35 Table 3.7 of the 2003 *Universal Service Monitoring Report* provides estimates of DEM weighting impacts from 1993 to 1997.

36 The weighting factors, which became effective in 1993, are shown in Table 3.6 of the December 1998 and June 1999 *Monitoring Reports*.

37 The weighted and unweighted DEM factors were shown in section 8 of this report in 2003 and prior years. The DEM factors were frozen in 2001 for a five year period, which has since been extended. See *Jurisdictional Separations Reform and Referral to the Federal-State Joint Board*, Report and Order, CC Docket No. 80-286, FCC 01-162, 16 FCC Rcd 11382 (2001). Because the factors are frozen, they are no longer being reported.

Since 1998, the LSS factor has been calculated as the difference between the 1996 weighted DEM factor and the 1996 unweighted DEM factor. It is subject to the limit that the sum of the DEM factor and the LSS factor shall not exceed .85. Also, if the number of lines has increased since 1996 across one of the limit values of 10,000 or 20,000 or 50,000 lines, the 1996 weighted DEM factor used for computing the LSS factor is adjusted to reflect the weighting factor appropriate for the new number of lines. The LSS is the product of a carrier's annual unseparated local switching revenue requirement multiplied by its LSS factor. The Commission's rules require that the LSS be trued-up with actual costs no later than 15 months after the end of the calendar year for which historical data are submitted.<sup>38</sup>

All of the universal service support mechanisms are administered by USAC, an independent subsidiary of NECA. As part of its administration of these support mechanisms, USAC files quarterly reports with the Commission, at least 60 days prior to the start of each quarter. These reports include quarterly projections of the amounts to be paid for each program, along with true-ups (differences between actual payments and projections) for prior periods, administrative expenses and interest income. The report for the third quarter of 2006, filed on May 2, 2006, was the primary one used to compile the tables in this section, along with information on actual support payments since 2003 found on the USAC website<sup>39</sup> and data provided to us by USAC on annual support payments between 1998 and 2002. Tables 3.6 through 3.14 provide a summary by state of the total amounts of these support payments. Each table summarizes the annual amounts for the high-cost programs for 1998 through 2006. The 2006 numbers are based on the assumption that fourth quarter projections will be the same as those for the third quarter. Table 3.6 summarizes HCLS payments, Table 3.7 summarizes safety net additive support payments, Table 3.8 summarizes safety valve support payments, Table 3.9 summarizes HCMS payments,<sup>40</sup> Table 3.10 summarizes LTS payments, Table 3.11 summarizes ICLS payments, Table 3.12 summarizes IAS payments, and Table 3.13 summarizes LSS payments. Table 3.14 summarizes the total of these seven payments. Table 3.15 shows the amounts of these payments by state going to ILECs and CETCs for each year since 1999. Table 3.16 shows, by support mechanism by state, for 2005, the monthly support payments per loop to carriers.<sup>41</sup>

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38 47 C.F.R. § 54.301(e)(2)(iv).

39 The monthly payment information for each study area can be found at: <http://form498.universalservice.org/hc/disbursements/default.aspx>.

40 The payments for the forward-looking high-cost model support only include payments actually made based on the model. In cases where the HCL hold-harmless payment was made because it exceeded the model amount, the model amount was not counted and the hold-harmless payments were included in Table 3.6.

41 Loops or lines from USAC's Fund Size Projection for the Fourth Quarter 2005 were used because USAC's files showing actual payments do not include the number of loops or

Pursuant to Part 36 of the Commission's rules, NECA collects certain cost data from ILECs that provide service to approximately 98% of the nation's subscribers.<sup>42</sup> Each year NECA collects NTS cost and loop data from the previous year, and files all such data with USAC and the Commission. USAC, as administrator of the high-cost support mechanism, uses that information to distribute high-cost assistance in the following year. On October 1, 2005, NECA reported new data for 2004, and revised data for the four previous years. State totals, based on that report, covering cost data for 2004, are presented in Table 3.17. This table shows unseparated NTS costs (revenue requirement), the number of loops, and costs per loop. It also shows the expected HCLS payments for 2006, based on 2004 data, using the high-cost formula and the cap discussed above. The costs shown are embedded costs for all companies.<sup>43</sup> The final column shows the percentage of the total payments going to companies in the state.

Table 3.18 shows the changes, from the revised data for 2003 to the newly reported data for 2004, for state totals, of the unseparated NTS revenue requirement, the number of loops, the revenue requirement per loop, and the HCLS payments. The phrase, "payments in later year" in the last column refers to the fact that these are projections of payments to be made two years after the costs are incurred; in this case, in the years 2005 and 2006.

Tables 3.19 through 3.21 present state summaries of the revised historical information filed for 2000 through 2004 in the 2005 filing. Table 3.19 shows the unseparated NTS revenue requirements for each year. Table 3.20 shows the number of loops. Table 3.21 shows the unseparated NTS revenue requirement per loop.

The next several tables in this section are data for individual study areas. Tables 3.22 through 3.30 are derived from the USAC data. In each table, only those study areas that are (or at

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lines on which those payments are based. HCLS loops were used for ILECs. For CETCs, reported HCLS loops only reflect areas where they compete against rural ILECs. Consequently, for CETCs, rural and non-rural loops or lines were computed separately and then added. For the rural portion, the maximum of HCLS loops or the sum of rural IAS plus ICLS access lines were used. For the non-rural portion, the maximum of HCMS supported loops or the sum of non-rural IAS plus ICLS access lines were used. Only those CETC loops or lines that were reported as eligible for support in the Fourth Quarter filing or received support payments in 2005 were included.

- 42 These are the carriers that settle on a cost basis. Costs for the remaining ILECs, which settle on an average schedule basis, are attributed by NECA on the basis of those carriers' average number of loops per exchange.
- 43 The data submitted by NECA include payments that would have been made to non-rural carriers if the forward-looking high cost model had not been implemented, which form the basis of the hold-harmless calculations. Consequently the amounts shown in Table 3.6 are a better indication of the actual HCLS payments.

some time were) eligible for payments from the support mechanism covered by the table, regardless of whether they received any support, are included in the table. Table 3.22 has HCLS payments. Table 3.23 has safety net additive support payments. Table 3.24 has safety valve support payments. Table 3.25 provides, by non-rural study area, the high cost support using the forward-looking high-cost model support mechanism.<sup>44</sup> Table 3.26 has LTS payments. Table 3.27 has ICLS payments. Table 3.28 has IAS payments for price-cap companies. Table 3.29 has LSS payments. Table 3.30 has the total support payments for all seven programs. Each of these tables contains the annual amounts for only those years for which a support mechanism was in place. The 1998 amounts in Tables 3.22, 3.26, and 3.29 are the actual payments after processing the final true-ups for 1998.<sup>45</sup> Table 3.27 has the final ICLS true-ups for 2002 through 2004.<sup>46</sup> Table 3.29 has the final LSS true-ups for 1999 through 2004.<sup>47</sup> The other numbers (except for 2006 data) are based on the actual payments, as reported by USAC, and include out-of year adjustments for prior years. In all cases the 2006 total is based on the assumption that the fourth quarter amount will be the same as the third quarter projection. CETC study areas listed in the *USAC Filing for the Third Quarter of 2006* as being ineligible for support (because they applied for, but have not yet received, ETC status) have been excluded from these tables.

Tables 3.31 through 3.35 are derived from NECA's 2005 filing.<sup>48</sup> Table 3.31 contains individual study area data for 2004 for unseparated NTS costs (Revenue Requirement), the number of loops, and costs per loop. It also shows the expected HCLS payments for 2006, based on 2004 data, and the percentage of the national total HCLS that goes to the study area. For study areas that acquired exchanges from another study area and had to report the amounts for the acquired exchanges separately, the study area code is appended with an A for the data for the acquired exchanges. In the second column of Table 3.31, the types are cost (C) and average schedule (A),

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44 Companies getting hold-harmless support have those amounts shown in Table 3.22.

45 These are from Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanism Fund Size Projections (USAC Filing) for the First Quarter 2002* (November 2, 2001), Appendix HC7.

46 These are from the *USAC Filing for the Third Quarter 2004* (May 13, 2004), Appendix HC23, the *USAC Filing for the Third Quarter 2005* (May 2, 2005), Appendix HC23, and the *USAC Filing for the Third Quarter 2006* (May 2, 2006), Appendix HC23.

47 These are from the *USAC Filing for the Third Quarter 2001* (May 2, 2001), Appendix HC6; *USAC Filing for the Fourth Quarter 2002* (August 2, 2001), Appendix HC17; *USAC Filing for the Third Quarter 2003* (May 2, 2003), Appendix HC18; *USAC Filing for the Third Quarter 2004* (May 13, 2004), Appendix HC22; *USAC Filing for the Third Quarter 2005* (May 2, 2005), Appendix HC22; and *USAC Filing for the Third Quarter 2006* (May 2, 2006), Appendix HC22.

48 National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., *Universal Service Fund 2005 Submission of 2004 Study Results* (October 1, 2005).



indicating the form of settlements used by that study area. The third column indicates whether the study area has been designated as rural (R) or non-rural (N). In addition to the name of the study area, the name of the holding company (if any) is also shown. The costs shown are embedded costs for all companies, and the payments shown include potential payments to non-rural companies that form the basis of hold-harmless calculations.<sup>49</sup> Table 3.32 shows the percentage changes from the previous year for each of these amounts for individual study areas. In the payments column in this table, the entry "INFINITE" indicates that the payment was zero in the first year and positive in the second year.

Tables 3.33 through 3.35 present individual study area data for the historical information filed for 2000 through 2004 in the 2005 filing. Table 3.33 shows the unseparated NTS revenue requirements for each year. Table 3.34 shows the number of loops. Table 3.35 shows the unseparated NTS revenue requirement per loop.

In compiling the historical data, it is necessary to account for changes that have occurred in the study areas over time. These changes are noted in Table 3.36.<sup>50</sup> In cases where study areas have merged, the pre-merger data for all of the merged study areas have been combined and reported as the data for the surviving study area in Tables 3.33 through 3.35. In cases where there has been an ownership change resulting in a code number change, the pre-change data is reported under the new code number and name. In the case of newly created study areas, pre-creation data is reported as 0. In Table 3.32, percentage changes in the case of mergers are comparisons of the surviving study area data with the consolidated pre-merger data. In the case of sales or exchanges, for comparison purposes the data for the sold exchanges are consolidated with the data for the study area that divested them.

Each year NECA submits detailed account data used to calculate the unseparated revenue requirement per loop for each study area that settles on a cost basis, and total attributed revenue requirements for study areas that settle on an average schedule basis. In its filings since 1993, in addition to submitting such information for the latest year, NECA also submitted revised information for the four preceding years. The detailed account data are not reported here, but the most recent revision of the data for each year since 1988 is available in electronic form on the Wireline Competition Bureau Statistical Reports web site <[www.fcc.gov/wcb/stats](http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/stats)>.

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49 The data submitted by NECA include payments that would have been made if the forward-looking high cost model had not been implemented. Consequently, Table 3.22 is a better indication of actual HCLS payments.

50 Because the study areas were matched between years by study area code number, changes in only the name of the company are not included in this list. However, for name changes between 2003 and 2004, Table 3.32 shows the old name in parentheses.